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## OAKLAND DYNAMITERS THREATEN GOVERNOR

### 15,000 ARE OUT IN IRON STRIKE

#### WALKOUT RESULT OF REFUSAL TO PAY BONUS

Owners of Private Establishments Declare Controversy Is Up to the Government

EMPLOYERS GIVE VERSION OF DISPUTE

Laborers in Many Plants in Bay Region Obey Order of Council to Join Walkout

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—More than a half million working days—the equivalent of the labor of 20,000 workmen for a solid month—have been lost to the government's shipbuilding program through strikes and lockouts, R. B. Stevens of the Shipping Board today told the Senate investigating committee.

Despite efforts on the part of Mortimer Fleischhaker, federal mediator, to prevent a general walkout of the metal trades in the San Francisco bay district, 15,000 metal workers in approximately 400 shops on both sides of the bay obeyed the strike order of the Iron Trades Council and left their work this morning or failed to appear at the regular time. The strike practically shut up the entire foundry and metal trades industries.

The alleged cause of the strike is the refusal of the California Metal Trades Association members, comprising the bulk of the employers in the bay district, to accede to a demand for a 10 per cent bonus over present wage schedules, similar to the bonus allowed in the shipbuilding industry.

The employers allege the demands are in violation of the mediation agreement made with the United States government in November and declare they will not resume operations without an end will be taken. The California Metal Trades Association has declared that it will not give in to the demands of their employees and are said to be preparing for a long fight. The exclusive committee of the Iron Trades Council, equally determined to make it a long fight, has called a meeting for late this afternoon, when the preliminary steps toward coordinating the various local efforts for such an end will be taken. Similar meetings will be held by the employers' associations during the afternoon for a like purpose.

#### BONE OF CONTENTION IS 10 PER CENT BONUS

The exact number of men who quit work today cannot be estimated by either organization at the present time. In some shops all of the men affected appeared for work, found the regular wage schedule in force and left. In other shops a portion of the men left. In general the strike order applies to every metal worker in the bay district outside of shipyard employees. It carried out to the letter the strike will assume the proportions of the previous walk-out, which was the largest ever seen in the state.

The bone of contention between employer and employee is a ten per cent bonus, over and above an augmented wage scale, which the government allowed, to induce mechanics and metal workers to take up shipyard work. In the interests of the war program, this bonus was allowed after a special committee from the Iron Trades Council went to Washington and conferred with the Shipping Board officials. The employers' association was not represented at that conference.

#### EMPLOYERS' STAND IS EXPLAINED

When the committee returned with the news that the government had granted the ten per cent bonus, a movement started in union circles to secure a similar bonus from private concerns employing metal workers. The private concerns, most of whom are members of the California Metal Trades Association, declared it would bankrupt them to pay, out of their own pockets, the same bonus that the government was paying to take men away from them. Whereupon the strike order issued from the Iron Trades Council.

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#### Guiding Strings of Spy Plot Held in Fair Hands



Principal figures in the latest German plot thwarted by federal officials in the bay district. The mysterious Madam H. and two pictures of Franz Schulenberg, said to have been her assistant. On the left Schulenberg is shown as he appeared in 1914, and on the right as he looks today.

#### Alluring Countess Behind Activities of Schulenberg

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—"Somewhere in the United States" is hiding a beautiful and fascinating brunette, about 35 years of age, known as "Countess H.," who is being sought by federal agents of the department of justice as the directress of the activities of Franz Schulenberg, the alleged master German spy, held here on a presidential warrant. Knowledge that this woman, who is said to be high in the councils of the Wilhelmstrasse, headquarters of the German diplomatic and secret service in Berlin, has been the real representative of the Kaiser and that she has been using Schulenberg as a pawn in the ramifications of the spy plot that included the Hindenburg conspiracy, is said to have come to light through the jealousy of Schulenberg's wife for the dashing beauty. This jealousy is alleged to have led to Mrs. Schulenberg's cooperation with the army intelligence bureau and to the capture of her husband.

It is known that the mysterious countess was in San Francisco on December 5, the day of Schulenberg's arrest in San Jose. It is also declared that it was her mind that evolved a plot to blow up a shipyard on San Francisco bay and that Schulenberg was her instrument of destruction.

Letters to Schulenberg from "H." in Cleveland instructed him to be in Los Angeles for the discussion of plans. These plans are said to have included blowing up bridges over which troop trains were passing and purchasing a ton of dynamite to be used by Hindu agents in the destruction of English shipping in Vancouver and Victoria. One of the countess' letters was found in Schulenberg's residence in Santa Barbara.

#### SEEK IDENTITY OF MASTER SPY, HERR X

A rapidly-closing net is being drawn about the Countess "H." and her arrest is anticipated before many days. Through her it is hoped that information will be obtained that will reveal the identity of "Herr X," Germany's master spy in America, who is considered responsible for the anti-war activities of the I. W. W., mysterious explosions in plants, fires and labor disturbances.

The ramifications of the plot conceived by the Countess "H." and her use of Schulenberg are said to have begun about June, 1914, in Berlin, where, after being instructed, he was sent to America the week war was declared, remained in New York for one day to deliver secret despatches to Wolf von Igell, Germany's agent there, then went to Galveston and Mexico, where he made a trip through the German wireless stations from Magdalena and La Paz south on the west coast, supplying them with money, returning to New York, where he remained until the arrival of the countess in August, 1915.

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#### GERMANY DESPERATE PUTS OVER STRUGGLE PEACE TALK STILL AT TILL JAN. 24 DEADLOCK

Russ-Teuton Negotiations Suspended Pending Consultation on Terms Asked by Soviets

BULGARIA BALKS AT BOLSHEVIKI PROPOSAL

Power of Radicals Is Waning Under Lenine's Leadership; Soldiers Refuse to March

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—Germany has asked postponement of peace negotiations until January 24, according to semi-official announcement here. Finland has asked Germany to furnish her with arms and ammunition, reports reached here today from Brest Litovsk.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Russian-German peace negotiations have been suspended pending consultation by German delegates with their government on Russia's terms, according to a Petrograd despatch printed by the Times today.

The Russian delegates, it was stated, are returning from Brest Litovsk to Petrograd. Two commissions to negotiate peace will shortly be formed, the Times correspondent asserted, one to meet at Petrograd and the other at Odessa. Both will consider purely military aspects of the situation. A third will shortly be appointed to prepare for a prospective European peace conference.

It was asserted the Bolsheviks will convoke the constituent assembly at the end of next week.

#### BULGARIA BALKS AT TERMS OF RUSSIANS

GENEVA, Dec. 26.—Bulgaria has balked at the peace terms of the Russian Bolsheviks, protesting especially against the clause calling for no annexation of occupied territory, said a telegram from the German frontier today.

A cablegram to the International News Service yesterday reported that the central powers were replying to the Russian peace terms, asking for a "modification" of them.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 26.—Russia's civil war has extended to the interior of Siberia, and reports of hard fighting in that district were received here today. (The former Czar and his family are at present confined in a monastery at Tobolsk, awaiting their fate.)

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 26.—Frank belief that the Bolshevik regime will not be able to retain its grip on Russia after forcing a separate peace with Germany was expressed by Bolshevik Minister Vorovsky today.

"The Bolsheviks will never conclude an undemocratic peace," he told a correspondent. "The war will be continued if Germany insists on a policy of annexation. We still hope that general peace negotiations will be possible. We will fight dogmatically until a general democratic peace is achieved. I admit we do not intend and will be unable to remain in power after peace," he added.

Vorovsky flatly denied reports that German agents were in Petrograd financing the Bolsheviks.

"The Bolsheviks do not need German money," he declared. "We are printing all that is necessary."

Arrivals from Petrograd today reported a strong nationalist movement developing in the Russian capital supported by some cadets and German agents.

#### LENINE'S INFLUENCE IS ON THE WANE

LONDON, Dec. 26.—There have been assertions in Petrograd despatches that the influence and power of the Bolsheviks was waning, but never with such unanimity as in special despatches dated from the Russian capital Sunday and printed today. Nearly all make the point in one form or other of defection from the workmen's and soldiers' organizations. The causes alleged are general lack of authority, the increase of drunkenness, the reluctance of the population to work and the scarcity of foodstuffs. The main desire of the soldiers is said to be for peace.

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Italians Fighting Like Tigers. Aided by Snow, Are Holding Austro-Germans at Brenta

DEFENDERS HAVE BIG LEAD IN STRUGGLE

Teutons, Short of Food, Trying to Reach Venetian Plains to Establish Winter Quarters

#### BULLETIN

ROME, Dec. 26.—Col Del Rosso and Monte Valbella on the Asiago plateau were recaptured by Italian forces in a counter attack yesterday, but it was found impossible to hold them, the war office announced today.

WITH THE ITALIAN ARMIES, Dec. 26.—Pierce fighting between Buzo and Monte Valbella was in progress today. Despite violent Italian attacks, the enemy at fearful cost still held to the two-thirds of a mile gained Monday.

The enemy's advance was made possible by an immense concentration of his artillery of all calibers, which smashed the Italian front lines. The Austrians managed to pinch off a tiny salient, the apex of which was at Monte Valbella. On the next attack the enemy consolidated his position.

Around Monte Grappa the enemy tried an attack timed to coincide with the Valbella assault, but failed to gain.

On the Lower Piave, the Austrians vainly endeavored to penetrate, but were answered by Italian machine gunfire.

Since Saturday General Conrad's Austrians have been battering unceasingly against the Italian lines. It is confidently expected his assault drive of the Brenva will be followed quickly by new assaults by Generals Krauss and Below, each of the same river—particularly around Monte Grappa, where the Austro-Germans are now freshly concentrating.

#### SNOW IS AIDING ITALIANS AT BRENTA

The battle thus developing will decide whether the Italians will be able to maintain their present positions until spring. Snow and ice are already checking offensive possibilities through all the mountain region. The Austro-Germans, however, are unreasonably open. As yet there is no sign of heavy snow having fallen in the mountains. Yet the passes are gradually being covered with a mantle sufficient within a week or ten days more to check the enemy's operations.

Already snowfall has curtailed the bringing up of food to such an extent that the enemy has been forced to substitute for massed attacks the drive of special troops, carrying emergency rations. These forces fight until relieved by others like themselves carrying equipment for four days' service.

The fighting today is the culminating decisive stroke of the past two months' operations. The credit to date is with the Italians in the struggle. Enemy prisoners unanimously declare the vigorous Italian resistance has already forced the Teutonic staffs to abandon their original plan to establish a military and political front from Trent to Venice. They are contenting themselves now with the mere hope of reaching the Venetian plains before a defeatening by defeat their means.

AUSTRO-GERMANS ARE "DIGGING IN"

The allies are determined not to permit the Austro-Germans even to reach the dominating summits of Asiago and Grappa. The Austro-German decision to accept their present front for the whole winter has been further indicated by their feverish fortification of the Piave into a permanent front while all offensive efforts are concentrated against Grappa, to improve permanent positions there.

The resistance of the Italian first army at Asiago equals that exhibited by the fourth army in its repulse of Austro-Germans last week. Two examples of splendid courage and fighting ability give allied officers the highest hopes of the Italians' ability to pin down the enemy to his present positions.

### Menace of Death Burden Of Note Mailed Stephens Bearing Local Postmark

#### Plot to Poison Surgical Wares of the Red Cross

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 26.—A plot to poison Red Cross bandages and spread wholesale death among the soldiers of America and her allies has been exposed and frustrated here. Revelations of the conspiracy were made today when it became known that Department of Justice agents were hunting the perpetrators of the plot.

#### Speculating On Head of R. R. Board

Comptroller Williams and McAdoo Have Lead for Federal Administrator.

#### ESCAPE FROM JAIL

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 26.—Three prisoners, one under sentence for first degree murder, and all regarded as desperate men, saved their way to liberty from the Delaware county jail early today. They are Edward McCoy, 33, who was convicted December 6 for killing Frank Butler, colored; John Harris, 35, paroled convict, held as a suspect in an attempted holdup in a Muncie drug store and an attack on the proprietor's wife, and John Wilkerson, 27, also pardoned convict, under sentence to the state farm.

#### GIFTS ON PIAVE

VENICE, Dec. 26.—Holiday gifts from the American Red Cross were distributed in the Italian trenches along the Lower Piave by E. Harvey Carroll Jr., American consul at Venice. Huge bales of gifts were taken on motor trucks to the various commands. Each man received tobacco, sweets, a handkerchief and other presents. The Italian commanders and their men were enthusiastic in their expressions of thanks and friendship for America.

#### AUSTRIAN KILLED

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Michael Ljiljak, an Austrian, 32 years of age, was shot and killed here today during an argument arising out of a discussion of the war. Five men, said to have been members of a party, with which Ljiljak was celebrating Christmas, are held by the police, and one of them, Stephen Potosich, is said to have confessed.

#### PROHIBIT GERMAN

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Study of German in the Los Angeles public school was ordered discontinued within the present school year by the board of education today and all school organizations formed in connection with the study of German were abolished.

#### KILLS OLD WOMAN

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Her head crushed in, as though beaten with a heavy rod, Mrs. Sarah E. Mulford, 77, was found murdered today in her grocery store here. The aged woman is believed to have been beaten down when she attempted to prevent robbers from ransacking her store.

#### ATTORNEY FINED

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Attorney George F. Vanderveer of Seattle, general counsel for members of the I. W. W. under indictment here, was fined \$100 and costs in Municipal Court today for having loosed a revolver in his possession. He was denied a new trial.

#### LABOR CHIEF ILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Secretary of Labor Wilson today is ill from overwork on his long trip through the West, mediating labor disputes. It is not known when he will be able to resume his official duties, though his illness is not regarded as dangerous.

#### PLANT IS BURNED

CANTON, O., Dec. 26.—Fire today partially destroyed the Wheeler-Greer fire-proofing plant at Malvern. The loss is \$200,000. The company was engaged in filling government contracts. Incendiarism is charged.

### \$50,000 IS DEMANDED TO AVERT DISASTER

"C. C. C. of C." Ask That Sum Be Left at Rock Pile in Redwood Canyon, Near City

WHOLESALE DESTRUCTION IS PROMISED IN MISSIVE

The Capitol, Mansion, Homes, Hotels, Police Station and Detectives Are Mentioned

Unless \$50,000 is placed in a certain designated rock pile in Redwood Canyon, just outside the city limits of Oakland before 3 o'clock on the afternoon of December 31, nine bombs will be exploded in the gubernatorial mansion in Sacramento, the capitol building, the police station and the residences of "two head officers" of the State. That is the threat contained in a letter received this morning by Governor William D. Stephens.

The envelope containing the blackmailing message was postmarked "Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24, 4 p. m." It was printed with rubber type and signed "C. C. C. of C." In form and general content it is similar to one received by United States Senator Hiram Johnson when he was governor. The letter follows:

"W. D. Stephens you are the ones that is after me. That bomb was just to let you know that we can get by your detective. While they were looking for I. W. W. we placed under the mansion a large bomb. We have them in the following places: Capitol building, mansion, homes of two head officers of the State, three hotels, police station, detective headquarters. So you see we have got you. We are men of your class.

#### HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS

"We have been working on this for several months, so if you try find the bombs or try catch us we will set off all the bombs off. We demand that the capital delivers \$50,000 on December 31 at 3 p. m. After we get the money we will come and take out all the bombs and let you know when we get them out.

(Signed) "C. C. C. of C." There was a crude diagram on the back of the letter showing where the \$50,000 is to be placed. The map starts from Oakland, goes out Park boulevard, then the end of the car line is indicated. A cross marks a rock mine, then is indicated the Redwood road, the railroad crossing and a pile of rocks under which to place the money.

#### HUTCHINSON HOME DYNAMITED BY BAND

Investigation of the local situation has led to the belief that the men who have threatened to kill the governor and members of the same gang that more than a year ago carried out a threat to dynamite the home of Charles T. Hutchinson, manager of the Malmgren and Scientific Press, who refused to place \$5000 in Lake-side Park.

The first letter, signed "C. C. C. of C." was received by Hutchinson in his home at 274 Nineteenth street, October 4, 1916. Hutchinson informed the police and armed guards patrolled the district and the writers took action. On November 15, the same year, dynamite was found on the premises after series of threatening letters and bombs.

Hutchinson employed private detectives, but despite them, dynamite was exploded under a corner of the house on the night of December 27, 1916. There was no one home except a Chinese cook. Hutchinson having moved to a hotel at the request of his wife.

Investigation showed that the letters received by Hutchinson and those recovered by Governor Johnson were (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)



# THOUSANDS WALK OUT OF PLANTS

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was the desire of the Metal Trades Association to clarify in the public mind the reason for the ten per cent bonus over the recent awards made by the United States Shipbuilding Wage Adjustment Board and which is now being demanded by iron workers in private plants outside the shipbuilding industry.

"Five shops have agreed to pay the new scale including the bonus," Burton said shortly after noon today. "Of this number thirty are members of the employers' association," he said.

"This 10 per cent is a bonus," said Metcalf, "and was not given because of an increase in the cost of livelihood. It was just a stimulus to encourage the output of ships and to tempt men who lived at great distances to leave their homes and enter service in the shipyards, while it effects between 15,000 and 18,000 men in the bay district, the only shipbuilding plants or shops effected were Moore & Scott, the Union Iron Works, Hanton shipyards and the Remita Shipbuilding Corporation, and when this was given by the Emergency Fleet Corporation through its Wage Adjustment Board the employers' association to say the least were told that the government would reimburse them, as it had previously agreed to assume the average increase of 21 per cent recently granted at the completion of the hearings in San Francisco.

"It applies wholly and solely to men working on ships that were being built for or commandeered by the shipping board. As this total increase, averaging 41 per cent, is being paid by the Emergency Fleet Corporation, how can the Iron Trades Council expect employers in plants without the government contracts to assume such a burden without similar reimbursement? If the government indicates that it will take care of the foundrymen and plants affected by the latest order, why should the Iron Trades Council, the employers will certainly be only too glad to act for the Emergency Fleet Corporation or other branches of the government which may order it."

President R. Burton of the Iron Trades Council said this morning that fifteen of the shops had agreed to pay the 10 per cent increase and that others had indicated they would follow suit, that the only reason some of the shops at work was due to the failure of the Iron Trades Council to reach them with a formal strike order.

"There is no change in the situation that the employers would stand firm against giving the men the 10 per cent increase asked and that a report had been had from every member of the California foundrymen and Metal Trades Association this morning and all reports but two that the plants were in full operation and the men had returned to work."

Another member of the California Metal Trades Association and one of the largest employing concerns in the east bay district, declared this morning that the situation was up to the Federal Government, and that the manufacturing concerns would not make a move without a Federal order.

"We were parties to an agreement under which a certain wage schedule was adopted by and with the Federal Mediation Board," he said. "The metal workers were also parties to that agreement. Now the Government has offered a bonus to induce men to leave our plants and work at shipbuilding enterprises. The metal workers by this strike are attempting to force us to pay an equal bonus for private work. This we will not do. We cannot afford to do it. We are not the Government. We will resume operations until we receive Federal orders to do so or the men return to work. We intend to keep our agreement with the Government and expect the Government to see that the other parties to the same agreement keep their portion of it."

Further complications are introduced into the situation by reason of the fact that many of the castings and parts used in the shipbuilding operations are made in outside shops under private contract. Just how far the strike in these shops will affect the Federal Shipping Board's work is a matter of conjecture.

## HUNT FOR ALIENS

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 26.—The danger of not only in Utah, but throughout the West, for the apprehension of Ferdinand Kube and Karl G. Wilkins, interned alien enemies who escaped from Fort Douglas early Monday, has been increased by the arrest of one suspect at Lehi, Utah, by Marshal Edwin Street and the tightening of the police cordon throughout the state. The prisoner, a Czech, will be taken before the authorities at Fort Douglas for identification. Following the escape of the prisoners the penalty for harboring fugitive enemies was emphasized at Fort Douglas.

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# America Faces Big Coal Shortage

## Dr. Garfield Is Heard by Probers

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other shortages of clothing exist in any of our camps, and if so, that he direct that such shortage be supplied immediately.

It is the sense of this committee, that with the cold season now on, the usual routine shall be suspended as to this matter and that the commanding officers of the several camps shall be directed, if this is the quickest way, to buy these articles at the nearest points to their camps at which they can be obtained, so that our soldiers may be supplied as soon as possible.

America faces a coal shortage of 50,000,000 tons because of war. This was the answer of Dr. Harry A. Garfield, fuel administrator, today to the inquiry of the Senate sub-committee investigating the coal shortage.

Coal operators have made high profits, Dr. Garfield admitted, but he declared it was impossible to check high prices without at the same time checking production.

"Production rather than prices," Dr. Garfield declared, is his policy. He testified that he had granted increases to operators on the theory that higher prices are necessary to maintain production. There are "people who can't see the reasonableness of such a process," the fuel administrator admitted.

Dr. Garfield testified that production is 10 per cent greater this year than last.

This is not a sufficient increase to meet the war demands, though, he added.

**GREAT SHORTAGE IN BITUMINOUS COAL**

The great shortage is in bituminous coal, the witness said, but added that anthracite coal has been substituted for bituminous coal, and thus there has been created an anthracite shortage.

"In this severe weather I have considered the domestic consumer even before the government," Dr. Garfield said. "With a discontented people we would be greatly hampered, and I have attempted to keep American homes warm. I can't guarantee that there will not be further suffering, however, unless the production situation is well in hand and labor is patriotic, but transportation difficulties are great."

In great detail the fuel administrator told the operations of the coal shortage. Dr. Garfield gave the business as that of "an educator." He declared that he has 200 employees at work in the fuel administration. "Except for the fuel administration," he said, "the coal shortage is as follows: John P. White, labor expert; Rembrandt Peale, who was recommended to Dr. Garfield by the president of the Lehigh University; Dr. E. A. Turner, dean of the University of Pittsburgh; James H. A. Pennsylvania coal operator. None of these men are salaried, not even their expenses being paid. Dr. Garfield said.

**DOMESTIC DEMAND FIRST CONSIDERED**

The policy of the fuel administration to date is to allow coal to pass through "normal channels," Dr. Garfield said, although he has power to direct "completely the distribution of coal."

"I may say," Dr. Garfield said, "that the fuel administration has no interference as little as possible with existing contracts and to take care of domestic consumption first when compatible with the fact that we are a production of bituminous coal up to December 1, 1917, was a million tons over the production of 'the entire record year of 1916.' Garfield said. He said that at the end of the year there would be shown an increase of 50,000,000 tons.

"This is a normal increase," Dr. Garfield said, "but it isn't enough to meet the increased needs due to the war."

In discussing labor problems that affected coal production and their settlement, Dr. Garfield said:

There has been a loyal response from both operators and miners. Investigation of the railroad situation under the Cummins resolution will begin before the Senate interstate commerce committee Saturday. With Chairman Hale and Commissioners McPherson, Clark and Althoff, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, as witnesses.

**MEAT PROBE TO BE RESUMED**

The Federal Trade Commission investigation of the alleged meat trust will be resumed in Boston at a hearing, at 2 o'clock tomorrow, it was announced today by the commission.

At the same time it was announced Swift & Co. had opened their books to commission investigators, following threat to take the matter into court.

Boston has been revealed as one of the financial centers from which a gigantic food monopoly was evolved. Hearings are expected to go further into the details of the "Chicago meat trust," which the Chicago Chamber of Commerce has been under control of the Chicago packers.

Hearings will be held in New York City later, it was stated.

Congressional investigators were back on the job bright and early today to resume their inquiries into the conduct of the war. They expected to work continuously from now on to the reconvening of Congress.

The death of Senator Newlands, chairman of the Senate interstate commerce committee and of the joint railroad committee threw an element of uncertainty into the proceedings in the railroad investigation.

The committee plans as soon as possible to designate an acting chairman to direct the probe until after the holidays.

Conditions in the American army in France were the subject of inquiry today by the Senate military affairs committee. The committee has on hand as witnesses a number of general officers who have just returned from a visit to the front.

Investigation of the fuel shortage will be begun today by the Senate manufacturing committee, postponing until Friday its further inquiry into the sugar shortage. Fuel Administrator Garfield will be the first witness.

Members of the Shipping Board and officers of the Emergency Fleet Corporation will be further examined tomorrow afternoon in the shipbuilding inquiry of the Senate commerce committee, which hopes to complete its work before Congress reassembles.

In his report, the one refused by the committee Friday, Hooten said:

Next year our supplies will be short 250,000 to 300,000 tons unless the allies go to Java for supplies. This amounts to an economy of about 10 per cent on our part.

"If the allies are forced to go to Java, it will require an extra amount of shipping, which if used to transport troops will move 100,000 or 200,000 American soldiers to France."

"If statements that there will be abundance of supplies next year are believed by the American public, it will do this country's war efforts incalculable harm."

"The number of troops we can send

## GERMANY DELAYS RUSS PEACE TALK

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of Bolshevik troops refusing to march, fighting, it is said, is the last thing they are willing or intending to do. A hostile spirit is reported to survive among the Baltic sailors and the Red Guard, but the former are not numerous enough to conquer the Ukrainian and the Red Guard is largely untrained.

It is reported, therefore, that war against the Ukraine probably will not materialize on any serious scale.

Bolshevik leaders, the Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post says, appear to be becoming conscious of hopeless failure, while the correspondent of the Daily News writes:

"There is a tremendous and growing opposition to the Bolsheviks among all classes. Men who formerly supported them are turning against them and German hirings is a common term of denunciation. There is much talk of meeting their opposition with counter measures and bomb-throwing is freely suggested as the only method of exerting pressure on the Bolsheviks. This is not merely idle talk, as those who say it are those who have thrown bombs."

**REPORTS OF CIVIL WAR ACTIVITIES**

Reports of civil war activities, however, continue to be received. The Bolshevik government declares definitely that its troops have captured Khar'kov, Nicolaiyev and are threatening the Ukrainian hold on Odessa. The Cossacks report the strengthening of their hold on the Don bases.

Agreements in the East, however, is more precise than the recent reports of a similar nature. In the meantime nothing more is heard of the efforts at reconciliation between the Bolsheviks and the Ukrainian.

It appears that the Bolshevik commissioners are trying, although vainly, to shift some of the discontented military units from the capital. A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says the "Provisional government has declared the disbellet of the intention of the Bolshevik government to open the constituent assembly and has refused to relinquish guard of the Tauride Palace until the assembly meets. The Semenovskiy Guard regiment has resolved not to arrest members of the constituent assembly, no matter what orders it receives."

Referring to the arrest of Colonel Koltakovskiy, the Reuter says that the Petrograd correspondent of the Post says it has been suggested that the letter alleged to have been sent to the colonel by Colonel Anderson, head of the mission, stating that American Ambassador David R. Francis was ready to advance 100,000 rubles to the account of the Red Cross was a forgery. Such things are not uncommon in the East.

The same correspondent telegraphs that the British ambassador, Sir George Buchanan, published on Sunday a statement refuting the charge of interference in the international affairs of Russia and adding that there are now three independent republics in Russia it is difficult to avoid the appearance of having relations with more than one.

**AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 26.**—Carrying important despatches from American Ambassador Francis in Russia to the State Department, C. T. Williams, secretary of the American Red Cross in Romania, arrived at this port today on a liner from Archangel, en route to Washington.

Mrs. E. W. Wright, wife of the consul of the American embassy in Petrograd, arrived on the same liner.

The despatches brought by Williams carry a detailed account of the true situation in Russia and are of the utmost importance.

They give, it is alleged, an accurate report of the strength of the Bolsheviks and also give an idea of just how much help may be expected from Russia in the war.

Recent advices from Petrograd were to the effect that the leaders of the Bolsheviks were bitter because of the alleged activities of Ambassador Francis against their cause.

The documents brought by Williams, it is believed, tell just what Francis has done.

An idea of the importance of the despatches is furnished by the fact that Williams carried them in a mail pouch chained to his wrist and that he slept with the mail pouch under his pillow throughout the night.

Former Premier Kerensky, Williams had been heard from since the report was circulated several weeks ago that he was leading an army against Petrograd. Regarding the alleged escape of former Czar Nicholas, Williams declared he believed the report unfounded.

## FORM DIVISION

Orders for immediate formation of the Eighth regular army division at Camp Fremont, Palo Alto, were issued today by Major-General Arthur Murray, commanding the Western department. Two infantry regiments at Camp Fremont already have been organized and two more regiments have been ordered from the Presidio at San Francisco for another brigade. Thousands of others from all parts of the country are being sent to Fremont to compose auxiliary troops and train.

## TRAIN HITS CAR

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—L. F. Cohen, 50, millionaire steel magnate, is dead and William Levin, his business partner, is critically injured here today. The result of an auto accident last night. A Big Four train demolished the car.

he appears on January 5 for hearing before the United States Commissioner in Sacramento. "They are nothing but a pack of lies," asserted Hood today in reference to the statements that he was the ringleader of the Big Four plot to destroy industries and that German money was behind the activities of the I. W. W.

"I'll prove my innocence when the time comes," he said.

Another admitted leader to Detective Hallinan that he had been in Sacramento since November 26, but he would say nothing further. The forty-two I. W. W. members arrested in the raid on the headquarters will probably be released, as they have not been connected with the dynamiting.

## HOME HUNTING

HAWTHORNE, 882—Nicely furnished lower flat, large yard, \$32.50, incl. water Oak 2702, bet. 8 a. m. and 8 p. m.

This was rented in one day, but you'll find many others in The TRIBUNE Want Ads.

# FAIR COUNTESS SOUGHT AS SPY

(Continued From Page 1)

1917, but her direction of Schulerberg was suspected in February, 1916, when he went to Spokane and advertised in a local paper for land in Washington fit for colonization purposes stating that he had between two and three hundred Spanish families who were to immigrate there. It was later learned that the supposed

Spaniards were Hindus and that the contemplated colonizing only about the town of Sumas, Washington, because of its nearness to the border of Columbia, his object being alleged to be to strike through Hindus at the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Canadian Pacific railways and the shipping and harbors of Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver.

In his confession yesterday, the police declare, Schulerberg admitted the purchase of a ton of dynamite, fifty high power rifles with Maxim silencers in Portland to ship to two of the Hindu leaders in Sumas, the vanguard of the colonization project, who were later to distribute it among their followers. The proposition fell through because of the close watch kept on Hindus entering America via Mexico by the government agents on the border.

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# SALES MAKE MANY REDUCTIONS

All odd lots and surplus stock to be closed out. The merchandise is all seasonable and desirable. The savings are worth while.

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SERGE, CREPE and CASHMERE—36 to 40 inches wide. These are short lengths of materials worth from \$1.00 to \$1.25. Slightly imperfect. At, 35c

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SILKOLINE COMFORTS—Double-bed sizes. White filling; \$3.50 value. At, \$2.89

PLAID BLANKETS—Heavy quality. Blue or pink. Sizes 60x76; \$4.00 value. At, \$3.45

GRAY BLANKETS—Heavy quality. Blue or pink borders. Size 66x80; \$4.25 value. At, pair \$3.50

WHITE BLANKETS—Heavy quality. Blue or pink borders. Size 64x76; \$3.50 value. At, pair \$2.89

GRAY SHEET BLANKETS—Good weight. Blue or pink borders. At, \$2.19

FINE WHITE WOOL BLANKETS—Small percentage of cotton. Heavy quality. Blue or pink borders. Size 70x80. Pair \$5.45

BLEACHED SHEETS—Good weight. Size 81x90. At, each 89c

UNBLEACHED MUSLIN—36 ins. wide. Heavy quality; 20c value. At, yard 16c

**Men's and Boys' Specials**

All 25c Ties, now 19c

All 39c Ties, now 29c

All 50c Ties, now 39c

All 65c Ties, now 49c

All \$1.00 Ties, now 89c

All 50c Suspenders, now 39c

All \$3.95 Bath Robes, now \$2.95

All \$4.95 Bath Robes, now \$3.85

All 25c initial Handkerchiefs, now 15c

All 12 1/2c initial Handkerchiefs, now 9c

**EMBROIDERY PACKAGES AT HALF PRICE**

**Sale of Ribbon Remnants About Half Price**

3c, 4c and 5c Ribbons at, 2c

7c, 10c and 12 1/2c Ribbons at, 5c

15c and 20c Ribbons at, 10c

25c and 30c Ribbons at, 15c

35c, 45c and 50c Ribbons at, 20c

**Great Sale of Toilet Goods**

Kolynos Tooth Paste—3 for 60c

Colgate's Ribbon Dental Cream—25c size, 3 for 60c

15c and 25c Tooth Brushes—2 for 25c

Colgate's Ribbon Dental Cream—(10c size), 3 for 25c

Arabalin 37c

Velour Powder Puffs—3 and 4 ins., 2 for 15c

Jergens' 25c Talcum Powders—can 16c



Starting tomorrow morning we will begin another of those wonderful sales that have been so eagerly awaited by the hundreds of shrewd women shoppers in the East Bay Cities. It is the Eastern's famous

# Dollar Down Sale

All you do is pay a dollar cash on anything you desire, take it with you if you desire, and then make only small weekly payments on your bill. Just after Christmas you will note this is, indeed, an appropriate time for a sale of this character. Cash necessities have made the family purse rather thin, so in this sale you can select and take



## Any Article In Our Entire Stock for One Dollar Cash

Small Monthly Payments  
for the Balance



**ONE DOLLAR CASH**  
AND SMALL WEEKLY PAYMENTS

**Buys Any Coat  
In Our Stock**

Coats for street wear, for automobile wear, for dress wear, for all around wear. Some exceptionally good looking styles are here.

They are well made of Kersey, Pom-Pom, Bolivia and Broadcloth, with plush or fur collars.

Colors in Green, Brown, Oxford Gray, Navy, Beet-root, Purple and Black. Prices are—

**\$15, \$22.50, \$25, \$32.50**

Also good assortment of Plush and Sealskins.



**Only One Dollar Cash**  
And Small Weekly Payments  
**Buys Any Dress in Our Stock**

*As to values! No matter what type of Dress you have in mind, or what price you wish to pay, the quality and style of the Dress you select will insure you the utmost value at any price.*

**Party, Afternoon and Street Styles**

This lot of Dresses includes models for every wanted occasion. Handsome Silk Dresses of Georgette Crepe and Crepe de Chine for

**\$18, \$22.50, \$30**

Beautiful French Serge models and most stylish. Some with white satin collars, tunic skirts and other novelty effects. High waists, braid, button or combination of same trimming. All wanted colors.

Prices are

**\$11.50 \$19.25 \$21.35 \$25.00**

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**ONE DOLLAR CASH**  
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**Buys Any Suit in Our Stock**

EVERY suit to be sold is this Winter's latest style, semi or plain tailored, belted and novelty effects also. Materials are Gabardine, Velour, Broadcloth, Serge and Wool Poppins. Colors are plum, browns, greens, Navys, old rose, black and Oxfords. Prices are

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**Buys Any Waist**  
IN OUR BIG ASSORTMENT

An inviting showing of new arrivals in cleverly designed styles. Georgette Crepes and Crepe de Chines in flesh, bisque, purple, navy, green and tan.

Priced from  
**\$3.50 to \$12.50**

**Furs** Annual Sale **Furs**  
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In single pieces. Scarfs,  
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Complete Sets.

**Prices Range from \$5 Upward**



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We show them in  
Foxes, Wolf, Seal, etc.



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**Buys Any Skirt**

IN THE HUNDREDS WE SHOW

Every woman needs and enjoys a separate skirt. Materials are serges, silks, satins and garbardines in pretty styles.

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**Silk  
Petticoats**  
**\$4.50**

For a specially fine grade article in all colors. Blues, greens, pink, cream, white and black.

Others at higher prices.

All with low credit terms.

**EASTERN  
OUTFITTING  
COMPANY**  
**581 14th Street**  
Cor. Jefferson

**Evening  
Dresses**  
**\$12.50**

On account of discontinuing this department we can offer you a selection from a fine assortment of high-grade novelties at above price with these low credit terms.





# MURDER OF SENTRY STIRS AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—General Pershing's publication in official orders of the fact that Germans murdered, after capturing a lone American sentry by cutting his throat, was capable of only one interpretation to American officials here today.

That was that the American command should know right from the start what they may expect at the hands of their enemies. It will not be followed by any open reprisal Americans will not fight that way. But if the number of Germans taken prisoner shall be small hereafter—the fault will not be that of the American troops.

The significance of the German murder, officials said today, is that Americans can be expected to be treated as Canadians. The Germans have murdered Canadian prisoners, subjected them to unspeakable torture and in every way tried to crush the morale of the Dominion forces from the first moment they entered the fray.

The Germans never take a Canadian prisoner if they can help it, and it is believed here this will be their attitude in the case of Americans. Publication in general orders of the killing of a prisoner of war by General Pershing will have the effect naturally of hardening the American soldiers, who have been prone to assume a tolerant attitude toward their enemies.

It is essential the slaying of the American sentry would have a good effect. It also emphasizes again the fact that the Germans, French and British are fighting with trench knives, while so far these are not a part of the American soldier's

# Water Carriers Brave Shells Heroic Work Done at Front

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Carrying water to the thirsty fighting men in the front line trenches through a double barrage of bursting shells from both British and German guns, while the multi-colored flares from the German trenches cast a weird light over a shell-riven battlefield puts to test the nerve and courage of the bravest. Yet the work must be done while the battle is in progress.

Stumbling over the bodies of dead comrades or falling exhausted among them, floundering through the mud or into shell craters, the water-carriers yet must struggle on till he reaches the first line, unless death relieves him of the task. A vivid story of one such journey is told by Victor Grisson, formerly a member of the British parliament, now serving as a private in the British army.

"I found myself one of a party detailed to carry up rations to the front line trenches through a dual barrage," he writes. "We all knew that the boys up the line were to hop over at daybreak the following morning, but we were not aware until our sergeant-major told us that they had been without rations for twelve hours.

"As much as the mud would permit our pace was speeded up, and we were soon in line upon the duck-boards (board-walks laid in mud) myself and my immediate companions each laden with two petrol tins of water.

"The front line was about two miles away. For the first part of the journey a bright moon made the traveling comparatively easy. But suddenly the duck-boards ended, the moon completely disappeared and the resulting darkness acted like a signal to the opposing batteries. The air

was torn with the howls and shrieks of shells.

"ENEMY FIRES 'WILD.'"  
"It became a matter of infinite care and considerable skill to pick our way between the deep shell holes, which were sometimes so close together as to be divided only by a sloping ridge of less than a foot in width. The enemy was firing 'wild' and shells were exploding on all sides with a propensity that made us involuntarily duck our heads and wait for the inevitable shower of dirt and mud or worse. Every now and then a man would lose his footing and he and his cans would roll with a splash into a gaping shell hole.

"It seems inconceivable, even irrelevant, that one should laugh in the midst of such horrors. But when I saw my pal in front dart away from a shell hole, I could not help laughing till a ditch came into my side.

"When we reached the support trenches a halt was called—not a moment too soon for a rest. My water cans had become amazingly heavy, and all of us were panting as we crouched beside our comrades who were waiting in the support trench in reserve. I had recently suffered from a cold and I heartily wished that my journey might soon end.

After five minutes we started out again and the sergeant-major set a pace that I knew I could not sustain. Gradually I felt myself falling behind and every fresh effort to catch up with my party only served to increase my exhaustion and limit my breath. At last, with a feeling of utter desolation, I fell beside my cans. The flares revealed to me that I should soon lose contact with my hurrying comrades and the mad music of the hurrying shells stimulated me to a fresh effort.

"LEFT BEHIND WITH DEAD."  
"For a couple of hundred yards I struggled forward, but weak and bereft of wind, I went down once more and watched, with a sort of guilty desperation, the rear file of my party disappear over a ridge between two lonely shell-stricken trees. It was terrible to feel alone on that tortured field, yet I was not altogether alone. The flaring flares lighted up for me the unmistakable faces and forms of the dead, comrades who had fallen on their way to the front line.

"A great weariness seized me, and in spite of the noise and uncanny surroundings I could have gone to sleep. A chagrined dread of falling in my task, however, however, a final effort. I found my way through the stark sentinel trees, and though wandering blindly, with no further sense of direction, I finally heard voices, British voices, and was soon looking down into a communication trench.

"Get down quick, digger," cried an officer. "Never mind your cans." "But those cans had become a precious part of myself, and gripping them affectionately I slithered into the trench and comparative safety. The experience had been thrilling and unforgettable, but there was water for sixteen men. And the sight of the boys eagerly filling their water bottles made everything wonderfully worth while.

"The remainder of the night had duly delivered their burdens and returned, so that my journey back to the dug-out had to be accomplished alone. I freely confess that I felt fairly squeamish as I climbed out of that trench and faced that dreadful field again. Every flare seemed to me to have for its sole motive the discovery of my over-wrought form to the enemy.

"After half an hour of well-nigh hopeless wandering, a shrieking shell exploded so close to me that the concussion lifted my steel helmet from my head and almost blew me off my feet. At the same moment I tripped over something and fell—between two dead soldiers. They had fallen facing each other, their arms extended. For a moment I envied them their pain-free sleep.

"An inscrutable Providence, rather than any conscious effort on my part, brought me to my dank but welcome dug-out. My comrades were hugely relieved at the sight of me, for they had counted me among the fallen.

# MANNHEIM BATTERED BY AIR RAIDERS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 26.—Heavy damage was done to factories manufacturing munitions when British air-bombers battered Mannheim, Germany, on Monday, it was learned today from a German source.

One bomb narrowly missed the statue of Bismarck, the "iron chancellor," in the public square. Mannheim lies in the grand duchy of Baden and contains many manufacturing plants of chemicals and iron and steel plants. It is 325 miles from the British aerial base at Dunkirk, although the flight may have been made from some other starting point.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Monday's British air raid on the German city of Mannheim was the first instance of an exact reprisal policy for Hun air murders in England, according to announcement today.

It was the first raid carried out by British flyers which did not aim at purely military objectives. All London newspapers expressed satisfaction at the actual carrying out of the policy of "eye for eye" and "tooth for tooth" reprisal announced by the British government in October and December 14 reiterated by Lord Rothermere, British air minister, at his Gray's Inn speech.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—"On the right bank of the Moselle (Vendure) from the energetic reply of our batteries put an end to a vigorous bombardment of our lines in the region of Bezonvaux," says today's official communication. "In the region of St. Quentin and in Upper Alsace French patrols penetrated German trenches and brought back prisoners."

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 26.—"Vivid enemy counter-attacks in the neighborhood of Colofingen and neighboring heights broke down with heavy losses to the attacking forces," today's German official statement said.

# CUPID RUNS WILD AT CAMP LEWIS

Special to THE TRIBUNE.

CAMP LEWIS, Dec. 26.—Cupid received a very hot and angry Christmas. As a result he turned fifty-seven newly married couples loose upon the unsuspecting world this morning, and broke his Army cantonment matrimonial trap-shooting record all to pieces. Many of the brides spanned the continent to be the participants in the wedding ceremonies. Tacoma and Portland ceased to be recreation headquarters and became honeymoon rendezvous. California did its bit by claiming twelve out of the fifty-seven couples, among whom were the following:

Charles E. Ferris, Los Angeles and Myrtle Kennedy, Tacoma; Joe Pierson and Ruth Suse, both of Los Angeles; Bert T. Massey and Jessie May Orr, both of Los Angeles; Edwin B. MacBeth and Glean M. Holmes, both of San Francisco; E. Hawley and M. J. Smith, both of Sacramento; Otto Herbert Schweizer, Long Beach, Wash., and Adah Charlotte Russell, Los Angeles; E. L. Morgan and Cleo Rooks, both of Los Angeles; Augustus Ruford Moore, Santa Barbara, and Agnes Fishery, Denver; M. J. Stanley, San Francisco, and Ann O. Horton, Long Beach; C. Mansfield, Modesto, and Leah Cornwell, Stockton; Richard F. Seifer, San Diego, and Kathleen Perkins, El Centro; William T. Gibson, Stockton, and Freda Hubbard, Los Angeles.

BODY RECOVERED.  
The body of a soldier drowned Monday afternoon in American Lake, while boating with Lieutenant Gabriel Diocli, was found today after continuous dragging and identified as Sergeant Eric Emery Leach of the 31st Engineers, of Los Angeles. Leach and Diocli went for a canoe ride. The craft upset, and the tank clung to the bottom until aid arrived. His companion struck out for shore and was drowned.

The boys are recovering today from the effects of Christmas. Everybody had a good time. More than 20,000 sacks of mail from thousands of homes, turkey dinners, entertainment receipts, Yuletide parties and other forms of diversion and recognition, crammed the day to the brim with memories. There were a thousand hosts, whose money, personal influence or thoughtful care, had made provision for the day. As a result, every man at the camp was remembered, in some way.

QUARANTINED BOYS.  
One regiment—the 34th—which was in quarantine, had a good time all to itself. Sympathy for the boys who were to be shut out of turlough privileges brought an advance of gifts and Christmas dainties by way of compensation. Santa Claus paid a special visit to this regiment and handed out scores of presents from the big illuminated Christmas tree that ornamented the head of the mess-room.

# NEED FOR TOBACCO

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Tobacco is a necessary part of a "luxury," declares Lord Rhonda, the food controller, in a statement published here. "We must have tobacco," he says. "I believe that its loss would be a national misfortune. It means much both to the manual laborer and to him who works with his brains. Men would not at a great deal more if they did not have tobacco. I hold that the deprivation of it would work great discomfort."

Some system of "rationing" tobacco, however, is forecast by the newspapers.

# SCENTS ORANGE, NOT PLOT

"Alamo," a bird dog, scented out what appeared to Charles Darling, of 1354 Everett street, a German plot last evening when he bounded into the house with what proved to be an imitation orange. Darling had received a box of oranges and he believed that the toy had come out of it. Investigation showed that "Alamo" had scented a Christmas tree.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation. Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past ten years. They not only cure the action of the bowels, but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y. For sale by Osgood Bros. Drug Stores.—Advertisement.

# PUZZLE SHIP IS HEED AT COAST PORT

A PACIFIC PORT, Dec. 26.—The Russian "mystery" steamship Shilka, which arrived here last week from the Orient, today continues to be the object of investigation by the United States customs service and the immigration department. It is expected some word will be received soon from Washington as to the disposition to be made of the craft. In the meantime the vessel will be watched under the watchful eyes of government officials.

Although Captain Boris Bedel, master of the vessel, denies it or its crew has any connection with the I. W. W., government authorities are taking no chances. The captain also alleges there was no mutiny aboard the vessel and is it controlled by a Bolshevik crew, according to his story.

Action by the local Russian consul depends on instructions he receives from the Russian ambassador at Washington in answer to a telegraphic request for orders. Officers of the vessel have tried to get in touch with the local British consul but so far have not succeeded.

# KILLED BY TRAIN

An inquest will be held over the remains of Peter Starr, 47, 185 Valencia street, San Francisco, killed by a Southern Pacific electric local at Seventy-third avenue station, late last night. Starr and a companion, James Arrie, walked directly in front of the train while confused by the storm. Arrie escaped injury. Starr has no relatives in the bay district as far as known.

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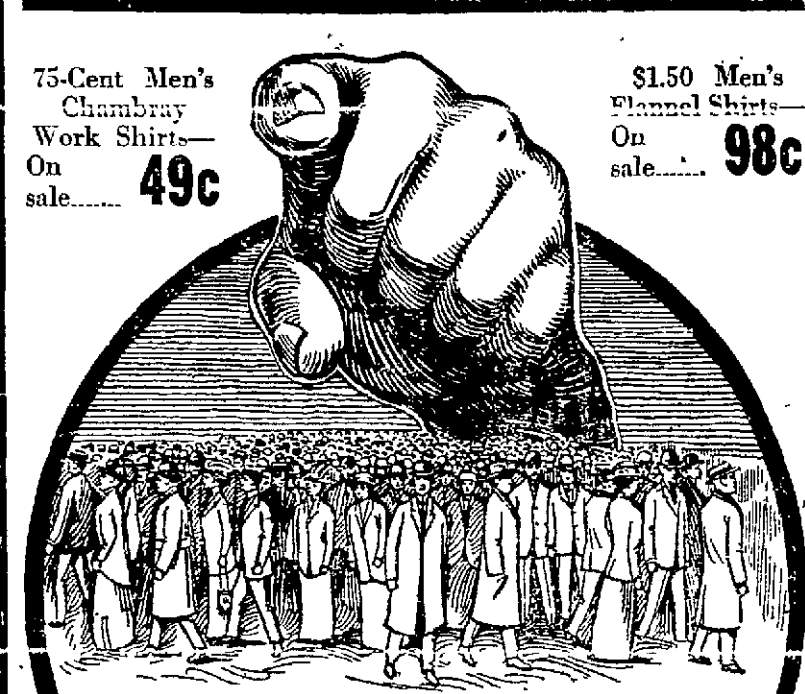
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Men's \$2.50 Veal Calf Work Shoes. \$1.69

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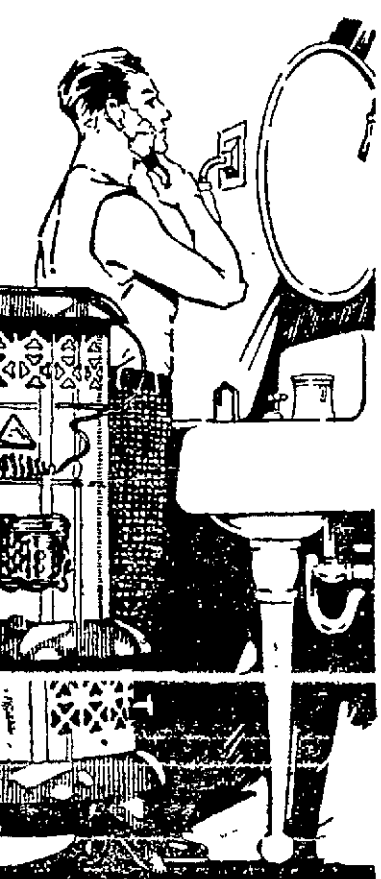
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## TO CENTRALIZE WAR CONTROL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Wilson is moving further to centralize the war government. Steps already have been taken to eliminate government red tape. Secretary Baker's creation of a "war council" is expected to supplant much work now done by different divisions of the Council of National Defense.

Establishment of a munitions chief to supervise purchase and distribution of guns, munitions, food and clothing for the army will probably absorb the work now done by the munitions board, placing over it executive authority now lacking, officials say.

Colonel House, chairman of the American commission to the recent inter-allied council in France, is conferring with the President here today. It is understood his conference is connected with government plans to simplify its working organization further after patterns learned from experience by England and France.

Congress will doubtless demand a

## BRITISH LIMIT HEIGHT OF BOOTS FOR FAIR SEX

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A fusillade of questions as to the British government's reported intention to regulate the heights of women's shoes was fired at the cabinet spokesman in the House of Commons.

"Is the government aware of the scarcity of leather and will it take steps to prohibit the manufacture of high boots for women?" asked Lord Claude Hamilton.

"Will the height of heels be limited also?" queried another member.

"Will an order be made for the lengthening of petticoats?" asked Sir D. J. Tels.

The cabinet spokesman answered that "it has been decided to issue an order prohibiting the manufacture of boots for women with uppers of more than a specified height. He ignored the inquiries as to heels and petticoats."

readjustment in the War Department, but Secretary Baker is expected to accomplish much of this before the military probe committee reports.

## ARMY PUTS BAN ON "ADOPTIONS"

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Monday, Dec. 26.—The American expeditionary force wishes to discourage the budding practice of American women "in adopting" in individual soldiers in France for the period of the war. The practice already threatens to choke the congested mail service and result in delay in the transmission of important matter. Moreover, the censorship regulations forbid the men to correspond with strangers and as this rule is being enforced rigidly it is desired that the people at home refrain from putting men here in an embarrassing position as they feel under obligation to answer such communications.

An example of the "practical" nature of the ban is given in the following advertisement which reached headquarters showing the picture of a pretty girl and urging soldiers without godmothers to write to a given address.

## MOVING STORY IS TOLD BY TULLY

"The Flame," playing this week at the Macdonough, is a remarkable spectacle, haunting in its weirdness. If Richard Walton Tully had been ready with "The Flame" before the European war related Mexican affairs to relative unimportance, it would instantly have been hailed as a greater play than "The Englishman's Boy," and with as great a purpose. But in a sense it is belated. It affords a remarkable analysis of the national characteristics not only of the nation to the south, but of ourselves as well; that is, ourselves diplomatically and as pioneers.

Reviewers of the piece speak of the voodooism, the weird superstitions that characterize the play. But these form only the background, the fillgree pattern over the main structure. Throughout the action there is the beating of the tom-toms, the drums, in the distance, like in that gripping sketch "The Drums of Oude," the weird, haunting half-song, half-chant of the voodoo worshippers, the twang of guitar strings in rhythm and tempo that is strange even in this day of strange, gyrating tempo. The entr'acte no doubt presents one of the most intense spectacles ever conceived for stage presentation, and the tempo of the dance that proceeds across the edge of the green jungle in the dim half light is the weirdest and strangest part of it.

Scenically the play is all that has been said of it. It is staged with the same care, the same magnificence that characterized the previous Tully plays. It is quite natural that a burst of applause should greet the opening scene, for the picture is indeed a canvas worthy to hang in a gallery of art.

ACTION ALL THE WAY.

The play is a bit of the Mexican situation as it was three years ago transplanted in some Congo land. We think of Indiana in Mexico, and not negroes. It is characterized as an American play, but it is only that in respect of the American problem it presents. It can only be said to be American in the broad sense that it includes the descendants of the Aztecs and Incas as Americans. It is called a melodrama, and it is, just in the degree that the sacrifice of American life and effort to the futile policy of peace at any price was melodramatic. It is said not to be an acting play, and it is not, but there is action all the way, even in the opening.

We get the story immediately the returned American-educated Indian whose passion runs to revolution, meets the governor of the province. Their mutual hatred and mistrust, the willingness to sell out for American gold, the treachery of their supposed friends and subordinates all mix as ingredients in the pot wherein brews the revolution that brings the climax of the play. We see Americans there and hear of their fortune being staked on agriculture and mines, and we sense the loss and sacrifice that are realized.

We have difficulty in finding the appropriateness of the name of the piece. "The Torch" would serve as well. Because the situation, which is Mexican, is woven into an atmosphere that is African, we have difficulty in keeping the geography in mind. The scene is given in some mythical land on the Caribbean Sea.

CAPABLE COMPANY.

Though "The Flame" is no stellar vehicle and no players of note are in the cast, the play is well sustained. The characters are well sustained. This is especially true of the revolutionary leader and the governor of the province, who seem almost of the blood. The American consul boasts that he was a neighbor in Nebraska of the Secretary of State, and does little else. The tailor from Texas provides, in his droll way, about the only comedy, and it is a sad sort of comedy, for he feels that he is following a fleeting rainbow. The flame, however, is kept burning, watched by the mythical brown girl who lives at the bottom of the well, and guides those whom it does not burn.

ELKS ENTERTAIN

Youngsters from all parts of the city trooped to the Municipal Auditorium this afternoon as guests of the Oakland lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The occasion was the annual Christmas celebration of the Oakland lodge. More than 1400 invitations to boys and girls in orphan and relief homes; children under the care of the Associated Charities, youngsters from the streets of West Oakland and East Oakland and South Oakland, had been issued.

The show this year, instead of being held at the lodge, was transferred to the auditorium theater to make room for the many child guests. Members of the lodge and their wives, sisters and mothers occupied the gallery and watched the fun.

Mary Pickford in "Cinderella" was the "movie" part of the program, and there were acts from the Oakland Orpheum and a drill exhibition by a team from the Yerba Buena Island Naval Training Station.

Small gifts, with candy, fruits and nuts were distributed to the youngsters during the performance.

GARRISON SPEAKS

County Auditor Frank Garrison, representing the Alameda County Infirmary Christmas committee, and the Loyalty Order of Moose, which has held a Christmas celebration every year at the infirmary, acted as master of ceremonies at the Christmas tree at which the inmates of the institution were entertained and given presents.

It was erroneously stated that State Senator Arthur H. Breed, who had headed the committee, had officiated. Breed was unable to be present, and Garrison, who has on many similar occasions visited the infirmary and addressed the old people, and who is well known among them, presided, and made a short address telling of the good will of the county toward the old men and women in the institution.

TREAT TO TURKEY

While the "ordinary" prisoners in the city jail were feasting on prime roast beef, brown gravy and all the trimmings that go with it, the "workers" of the chain gang eat down a turkey rearing at the corporation yards yesterday afternoon when Commissioner Jackson favored them with his presence and a short talk. The dinner was cooked by Mrs. William Blair, wife of the good will of the county toward the old men and women in the institution.

CHRISTMAS TREAT

As the guests of the firm of Hosiery Company, No. 4, at Montgomery and John street, twenty-five boys and girls of the neighborhood were treated to a Christmas tree at the firehouse last night. Presents were distributed to all of them and following refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed for the remainder of the evening.

ON every table—"MOTHER'S BREAD"—your grocer recommends it—Advertisement.

## GROW TOMATOES

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 26.—A year ago the city of Liverpool decided to suspend the cultivation of chrysanthemums in the greenhouses attached to public parks and grow something useful instead. Several acres of glass

were accordingly assigned to be used for tomatoes. The result of the year's work is announced in a report just published, which states that 10,000 pounds of tomatoes were thus grown, all of which were sent in weekly shipments to about thirty military hospitals in the Liverpool district.

## RAIN AIDS FARMS

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 26.—Rain in sufficient quantities to start pasture for cattle and to aid grain growers besides preparing the land for plowing, has fallen.



## A single application of Resinol usually relieves skin trouble

The moment Resinol touches itching, burning skin, the suffering usually stops. The skin rapidly loses its angry look, the eruption clears away, and in a surprisingly short time skin-health is restored. It acts even more quickly if aided by Resinol Soap. The regular use of Resinol Soap keeps complexions fresh and attractive.

Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap contain nothing that could irritate or inflame the tenderest skin. They clear away pimples, redness and roughness, stop dandruff, and form a most valuable household treatment for sores, chafings, cuts, burns, etc. Sold by all druggists.

## Was He Right?

FOR two hours they had been discussing adjustments for 1918—the head of the company, the treasurer, the general manager, the sales manager and the advertising manager. The lid had been clamped down a little here, raised a little there. The new year's business policies were being slowly, but surely, reduced to final, definite terms. Economy—not drastic, but enlightened—was the rule of the day.

And then the treasurer spoke up: "What about our advertising?"

The advertising manager accepted the cue. "Here are my schedules," he said. "You will notice that my totals call for practically the same amount as last year, a little differently distributed as to mediums, however. Before going into details I want to give you gentlemen the reasons for my recommendations—even though we are going to have a battle for raw materials, and a continuous struggle to supply the demand for our trademarked advertised brand."

"Go to it!" said the chief.

"In the first place," continued the advertising manager, "we won't be able to meet the growing demand for our product—but we can't afford a break in our contact with the home. Our message must be read by the public just the same. It must be known by all that we are still in business—that the quality of our product is still maintained—that ours is an institution animated by the idea of service—that the prestige surrounding our product is due to adequate equipment and facilities."

"For ten years we have been talking to the men and women of the Pacific Coast about our name as a symbol of quality. The growth of the business is proof of the results accomplished. We have ham-

pered asset-value into our trademark that is more valuable than all the physical equipment on which the banks are always ready to lend money as highest grade security. But while that asset-value is positive, it is a sensitive value. Its life depends upon continuity of publicity. Its impress on the public mind will remain only as long as you keep it here. It's not like an electric fan to be turned on and off by a switch of current.

"It's bad enough if we can't produce enough of our goods for all of the people who want them all of the time. It's worse, particularly under these conditions, if we let our trademark meaning slip away from its moorings in the mind of the consumer. We will destroy in a year what has taken us ten years to build up and we will have to make the long fight all over again—if we break the continuity of our trademark advertising. Whatever you do today and all through these uncertain times is an assurance and a protection of the future. At the same time it's the most economical and logical course we can pursue."

Was he right? Progressive business firms all over the country are proving it.

SAN FRANCISCO  
ADVERTISING CLUB

Lunch in Our Roof  
Garden Restaurant

## Year-End Sales Pre-Inventory clearance of odds and ends in all depts. Clearance Sale of Millinery 300 Trimmed Hats

Formerly Priced to \$12 at Three Low Sale Prices  
\$1.95 \$2.95 \$4.95

Tailored Hats, Street Hats, Banded Hats and Dress Hats. Hats of choice quality, desirable and smart in style. All styles and colors to choose from. A great saving opportunity to get a new hat with which to finish the season. Matchless bargains. Come early for your choice.

Great Basement Clearance of  
Untrimmed Hats, Tailored  
Hats and Children's Hats 50c Each  
Various styles and colors. While they last

Clearances from the  
Art Goods  
Department  
Many fancy Novelties, including cretonne covered Boxes and Trays with detachable bottoms.

All One-Fourth  
Under Regular  
SLIPPERS—Knitted and crocheted slippers and Indian moccasins—One-fourth reduction.

Hand-Embroidered  
Model Pieces  
1-2 to 3-4 Off  
These include Infants' and Children's Dresses, Lingerie, Waists and novelty Centerpieces and Scarfs. Second Floor.

Year-End Sale of  
Ribbon Remnants  
Various lengths, colors and widths in short lengths and mill ends on sale at—10c, 15c, 21c and 33c yard.

All Ribbon Novelties—Half Price  
Bungalow Sets  
Ofingham and percale in plain colors, stripes and checks. A clearance of odds and ends. Values to \$2.50 for... \$1.69 Values to \$1.50 for... \$1.19 First Floor.

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Patterns

Sale Black Silks  
One of the most important features of the Year-End Sale. Good quality, closely woven and with fine, lustrous finish.  
\$1.25 Black Satin Messaline, 36 inches wide, yard... 98c  
\$1.50 Black Satin Messaline and Taffeta, 36 inches wide... \$1.29  
\$1.75 Black Satin Messaline and Taffeta, 36 inches wide... \$1.43  
\$2.00 Black Satin Duchess, 36 inches wide, yard... \$1.69  
\$3.00 Black Peau de Soie, 36 inches wide, yard... \$2.59

\$1.50 to \$1.75 Novelty Silks  
Year-End Sale Price, yard... \$1.19  
The newest checks, stripes and plaid effects in both Taffeta and Satin weaves. Beautiful color combinations. Good quality and with lustrous finish. 36 inches wide. Extra special value. First Floor.

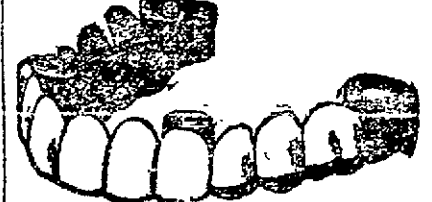
Special Sale of Coatings  
Block Plaid Cheviots, \$2.79 yard  
Attractive cheviot coatings in the season's smartest block plaid effects. All wool and 54 inches wide. Extra special value.  
Wool Plush Coatings, \$2.79 yard  
Stylish, warm and comfortable for midwinter and early spring wear. All wool, durable fabrics, 54 inches wide.

Fancy Tweed Mixtures, \$2.79 yard  
Fine quality coatings in rich dark colorings. These fancy tweed mixtures are all wool and very attractive. Splendid value. First Floor.

Special—Year-End Sale  
\$3.50 Lounging Robes \$2.95  
Fancy figured Robes in light and dark floral designs, also Indian patterns. Colors—rose, gray, blue, purple, tan, Copenhagen and cardinal.

Middy Blouses, \$2.95  
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Remember the old story of the farmer who bought a "Pige in a Poke"?  
Well, advertisers who buy advertising in a newspaper, the circulation of which is not guaranteed by a reputable concern like the A. B. C., are badly fooled.  
How about you, Mr. Advertiser?

Thrift in the home is the keynote of the success and popularity of Z.N. Green Stamps. Since introduced in 1896 the volume of collectors has increased yearly, until to-day the number reaches far into the millions.  
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# CUPID GOES ON HOLIDAY RAMPAGE

America is not only going to war—but to the altar. Records for Christmas marriages have been broken throughout the country during the last 24 hours.

In Alameda county 30 licenses were issued Saturday, Monday and up to 3 p. m. today.

With thousands of young men soon to leave for France as soldiers and thousands of women in the uniformed ranks and cantonments, soldiers and sailors led the greatest wedding march the country has ever seen.

In New York the number of licenses issued for Christmas marriages showed an increase of nearly 100 per cent over 1916. A total of 27 licenses were issued Monday, as compared with 16 on Christmas eve last year. In a majority of cases, the bride was accompanied by a groom in the army khaki or sailor blue.

Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston and other cities also reported record-breaking marriage figures. Reports gathered by the United Press from the various cities follow:

Philadelphia, all records broken; 238 licenses Monday, as against 80 in 1916. Forty-nine uniformed soldiers and sailors among the grooms. Rush still on today.

Seattle—113 Christmas marriages, of which 65 bridegrooms were soldiers. Last year 70.

Tacoma—52 Christmas marriages, most of whom were soldiers.

San Diego—24 Christmas marriages, of which 20 bridegrooms were soldiers. Last year 33 marriages.

St. Paul, Minn.—21 Christmas marriages, as against 101 last year. About one-fourth soldiers.

Oakland City—New record with 25 Saturday. 19 Monday and three Christmas Day. One-third soldiers.

St. Louis—11 Christmas marriages; 11 last year.

Minneapolis—27; double last year.

Dallas, Texas—38 this year compared with 46 last year. One-third soldiers.

Columbus, O.—New record; 103 this year, against 65 in 1916.

Indianapolis—69 this year, compared with 48 in 1916.

Cleveland—111, including 46 soldiers. Thirty-two last year.

Portland, Ore.—Twenty per cent increase over last year, with 25 per cent of licenses to soldiers.

Los Angeles—105 this year; 50 last year. About thirty soldiers.

MEMORIAL MASS

VENICE, Dec. 26.—A memorial mass was celebrated in San Marco church in commemoration of the deliverance of Jerusalem from the Turk. The ceremonial took on unusual significance inasmuch as the Austrians had declared they would be in the Piazza di San Marco by the holidays. Instead of this there were fervent prayers over the expulsion of the Turk from the Holy City.

SOLDIER DROWNED

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 26.—The body of the soldier drowned in American Lake Sunday has been identified as that of Eric E. Leach, Company C, 316th Engineers.

His mother, Mrs. H. M. Leach, lives at 2839 North Sibley street, Los Angeles. Lieutenant G. J. Viscchi of the medical corps, who was canoeing with Leach at the time of the accident, has fully recovered.

HOTEL IS BURNED

SALINAS, Dec. 26.—Pebble Beach Lodge, fashionable summer hotel on Monterey's seventh-mile drive, was completely destroyed early today by fire. The fire originated in the hotel kitchen, and before volunteer fire fighters could get into action had gained such headway that it could not be controlled.

S. F. MAN WOUNDED

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 26.—The following names of Americans appear in tonight's Canadian casualties list: Wounded—S. McGarry, Chicago; S. Smith, San Francisco.

PASTE THIS ON A CARD—MAIL TODAY.

Oakland Rotary Club, Hotel Oakland:

Have your authorized shoe collector or Boy Scout call for — pairs of shoes for the destitute men, women and children of France and Belgium and the needy school children of Oakland.

I will tie each pair together so that they can be tried on without separating, and mark size on tag so that they can be sorted.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

If it is possible for you to deliver shoes to headquarters, 1900 Telegraph Avenue, it will save this very busy committee much labor and enable it to accomplish just so much more.

# "Skip Stop" Plan Is Proposed System May Be Tried Here

Establishment of the "skip-stop" system in handling cars on the principal street car lines is being considered by the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways, and may be tried out in the near future. The plan is in line with the recommendation of the war board division representing the electric railways of the United States, organized to co-ordinate the facilities of the electric railways and to place them at the command of the government and of industry.

The purpose of the war board is to bring about economies in handling the service, thus reducing the consumption of fuel and of man power, in the interests of the war work of the government.

In the East a great saving has been effected through the activities of the war board in reducing the cost of carrying the "peak load" at the time of going to and leaving work by "staggering" the hours of going to work and quitting in factories and stores and industrial districts. By this means the load forced upon the transportation service, increasing the service 100 to 200 per cent, has been distributed over a greater period of time.

This plan of "staggering" quitting time hours, first successfully carried out in Detroit, is being considered here by the

San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways, as to whether it could be wisely carried out. It would require the co-operation of the transportation systems and business and factory heads on both sides of the bay, and it is questioned as to whether the saving would balance the possible inconvenience and the complexity in handling the problem.

MAY TRY "SKIP-STOP."

The "skip-stop" plan, it is contended, may be of real service, however, and may be tried out as soon as the plans have been completed as to its working arrangements.

It is estimated that the number of stops could be reduced by at least 40 per cent by the skip-stop system, placing a stop at every other block instead of at every block. This would materially increase the speed of the transportation and would make the handling of the night and morning crowds more satisfactory.

The plan contemplates "staggering" the stop signs, placing the stopping places for northbound cars alternating with those of the opposite direction, thus reducing any inconvenience to the traveling public to the minimum. It is held that an economy in service, thus saving the use of fuel and of man power, during the peak load, would be a service to the government.

# LAST TRIBUTES ARE ACCORDED 'GENTLEMAN JIM'

The funeral of the late James N. McCord, known from the Wyoming mining country to the Klondike as "Gentleman Jim," one-time close friend of James Whitcomb Riley and Bill Nye, was held today from the Bear Sargent undertaking parlors followed by interment at Mountain View cemetery.

McCord died Sunday at a local hospital following a stroke of apoplexy. He was 65 years old and he bore a striking resemblance to President Wilson.

McCord was a member of the old school sporting fraternity. He was noted for his recitals of poems by his friend Riley, the Hoosier poet. During the Klondike rush McCord was in Seattle and Nome, and in the early days he dealt bank at Rawlins, Wyo., where it was he met Bill Nye, who at that time was publisher of a paper there.

McCord was born in Kokomo, Ind. So far as is known he has no relatives. Many of his local friends attended the funeral and there were many floral offerings at the bier.

ROBBED IN HOTEL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Frederick Le Mare of Wilbur, California, guest at the Empress Hotel, 144 Eddy street, reported to the police this morning that he had been assaulted and robbed by two men who were in a closet in his room. Le Mare claimed one of them struck him over the head with a shot gun and robbed him of \$75 and later returned him destitute. He was removed to the Central Emergency Hospital and treated for a severe scalp wound.

"NEUTRAL" POLICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—A police neutrality squad is to be organized, was the announcement made this morning by Chief of Police D. A. White, in an order to all members of the department speaking or understanding German or Austrian to report to his office for special detail. This squad in civilian clothes will devote their attention to districts with large German or Austrian population and all meetings, street gatherings, and the outlook for pro-German sympathizers.

WOMEN ARE ARRAIGNED.

Jilly Feldman and two inmates of her house at 923 Washington street, Oakland, were arrested in a federal raid in which Detective Wickson and Garvin assisted last night and were arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Krull this morning. The Feldman woman was held to answer on \$1000 for running a disorderly house within five miles of a military zone.

# TWO DIE WHEN CAR LEAVES ROAD

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 26.—W. H. Smith, manager of the Smith Taxi Company, the biggest concern of the kind in San Diego, and Edward F. Maloney, well known sporting man, met death some time early this morning when the automobile in which they were riding, a new Lincoln, plunged from the state highway into the Santa Margarita river, six miles north of Oceanside. Smith and Maloney left San Diego about 1 o'clock this morning and the accident is supposed to have occurred between 3 and 4 o'clock. The accident, it is believed, was caused by the blowing out of a tire.

VISALLA, Dec. 26.—William Steel, prominent Riverside resident, who is interested in one of the best built communities with large properties near Lindsay, was instantly killed at 4:30 yesterday afternoon when an automobile he was driving turned over on the road just outside of Lindsay.

Steel was thrown from the car when it turned over. The steering wheel landed on his neck, breaking it instantly. A man who was riding in the car at the time was slightly but not seriously hurt.

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# INCOME TAX DATA READY FOR PUBLIC

Every person in Alameda county whose annual income has been more than \$1000, if he or she is single, or more than \$2000, if married, will be expected to pay a call at the headquarters of the United States Internal Revenue Service in the Oakland Federal building after January 2 to make a statement as to his income tax for the year. This will mean that thousands of citizens who have never before paid a direct tax to the federal government will have to do so, and Andrew McDonough, who is in charge of the local office, is anticipating a rush of business that will almost swamp his office.

Preparations are being made to meet the emergency and to explain the new law to the public. A government revenue agent will be assigned to the Oakland office to explain the intricacies of the law, and to answer all questions. It is also planned to place deputies in the Berkeley City Hall, Alameda City Hall, and perhaps one out in the eastern end of the county, to give general explanations of the working of the new tax law.

SOME EXEMPTIONS.

The War Tax on incomes exempts the incomes of single men and women under \$1000, and those of a married person under \$2000, only one deduction being made for a husband and wife living together, and both having an income. Above this amount, the tax begins, with certain specified reductions and exemptions. This means that any single man or woman earning more than \$20 a week must give an accounting to the government, showing whether he or she is entitled to further exemptions that will make payment of a tax unnecessary. For a married man, head of a family, about \$40 a week is the minimum that he must earn more than that he must visit the Federal Revenue office and show whether there are any further exemptions, such as for dependent children, taxes on property, amounts received on insurance policies and debts actually ascertained to be worthless.

"We expect to have our work increased more than ten fold by the tax falling upon many wage earners and salary earners who never paid direct taxes to the government before," explained Mr. McDonough. "It's going to be a big job handling the situation. We are going to offer every convenience possible to the public to avoid any possible confusion."

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# STEFANSSON SAFE AND AT FORT YUKON

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The expedition was divided into the northern and southern divisions. Stefansson, in charge of the northern, set out to explore unknown parts of Beaufort sea and search for new land. His party started on the government steamer Karluk. Near Point Barrow the vessel was bound and carried eastward to Thetis Island.

Stefansson with a small party started on foot for the mainland. During their absence the Karluk was crushed by the ice and sunk, eight members of the party losing their lives in the attempt to reach Herald Island. Nine men made their escape.

Despite this disaster, Stefansson continued his work in the far north, making arrangements to journey on foot off the ice to unknown parts of Beaufort sea. After extensive explorations, he returned to Prince Patrick Island in 1915, but with Kellet as his base, he went on with his researches within the Arctic Circle through 1916, being joined in May of that year by a party on the Polar Bear at Camp James Murray.

Fort Yukon, where Stefansson is reported to have arrived, is a trading post, and station of Alaska on the Arctic Circle and on the coast of the Yukon river in about longitude 145 degrees 30 minutes west.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

COTTELL-McGILL—Taylor L. Cottell, 27, Berkeley, and Nell F. McGill, 22, Oakland. License granted by Judge, New York.

MOORE-McGOWAN—James S. Moore, Jr., 24, Berkeley, and Margaret S. McGowan, 21, Berkeley. License granted by Judge, New York.

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WILLIAMS-DAVIDSON—Edward B. Williams, 21, Sacramento, and Leslie A. Davidson, 18, Placerville.

BROOKS-DAVIDSON—James H. Brooks, 25, Los Angeles, and Ada Dunn, 23, Louisville.

ROSE-POINTER—Edward C. Rose, 27, Updell, and Mildred S. Pointer, 20, Berkeley.

MORGAN-MARKLEY—Walter F. Morgan, 23, San Francisco, and Mildred S. Markley, 21, Berkeley.

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# POLITE ROBBER RETURNS FARE TO HIS VICTIM

Heid up at the point of a revolver, C. C. Black, of 144 Eddy street, San Francisco, was relieved of \$53 in gold and greenbacks by a "polite" young bandit, who, upon request, handed back 50 cents cartage to his victim to pay his way back across the bay.

The bold robbery was pulled off at Eighteenth and Linden streets late last night. Black had been visiting friends in Oakland and was leaving to catch a train to San Francisco. The bandit stopped him as they were about to pass each other, displayed a revolver in a threatening manner and commanded Black to hold up his hands. He then went through his pockets in a manner that would have been a credit to an experienced highwayman of more years than the twenty-one or twenty-two, which Black said he was.

Black told the police in reporting the matter. The description of the bandit indicates that he is about 5 feet 6 inches in height and weighs 160 pounds. He was fair, complected and did not wear a mask.

URGES FARMERS TO DRAIN LANDS

Drain the wet places on your farms and so increase your production of food for the nation in its great emergency, and also increase the value and the profits of your farm.

Such is the advice to the farmers of California of the Committee on Resources and Supply of the Senate Council of Defense. The committee calls the special attention of farmers in non-irrigated portions of California, free from alkali, to a bulletin on "Farm Drainage Methods," written by Walter W. Weir, drainage expert in the University of California just issued by the University as the result of co-operative investigations between the University and the office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is obtainable free by writing to the College of Agriculture at Berkeley.

Drainage by the methods this publication describes in great detail improves the soil, increases the production of crops, protects the growth of desirable soil bacteria and makes available the plant food, improves the soil temperature, and so gives crops a better start and causes them to be far ahead before the dry summer comes and lessens the effect of drought by causing roots to grow deeper into the moist soil. Weir's publication gives much information on how to lay out a drainage system, how to place the drains, etc.

Co-operation by neighboring farmers is urged, as often three or four neighbors can join in one system of drains with a single outlet which will benefit all and reduce the cost for each individual landowner.

OAKLANDERS ON HONEYMOON: QUICK WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Roland of Oakland were honeymooning today in Cloverdale, after their marriage yesterday, which was marked by efficiency methods in procuring a license. Roland is a clerk in the city of Berkeley, and his bride, who then was Miss Bessie H. Beatty, 782 Twentieth street, Oakland, were met at the Santa Rosa station by Deputy County Clerk O. E. Pettigrew and while the bride was taking on board the marriage license was issued and the couple continued on to Cloverdale, where the wedding took place at the home of Mrs. William Caldwell, the bride's aunt.

TO BUILD SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—



# CHRISTMAS WITH TROOPS IN TRENCHES

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 26.—Christmas Day, 1917—an American Christmas in France, a merry Christmas, a Christmas full of such creature comforts as food, tobacco, candy and presents, but just the same a Christmas every man in America's army was glad to put behind him today. There was a firm-jawed American fighting man over here in France whose thoughts went roaming back over the submarine-infested seas to "home folks" and a home Christmas—and who took a new resolve to do this job of democratizing the world in the most business-like fashion.

It would require a modern day Santa Claus with an exceedingly busy span of reindeer and highly trained reportorial instincts to report the Christmas Day spent by every American unit in France. The best the United Press correspondent can do is to give those back home this series of pictures of Christmas Day in France:

## SING CAROL

A giant Sammy sentry standing in the snow beside a quaint village hotel, giving pennies to three little French refugee children, who had just finished singing a real homey Christmas carol.

Downstairs in a roughly finished hotel dining room a dozen Sammies have dragged in an ancient tin-pan piano. They were clustered around singing "Holy Night." An ex-member of the Minneapolis symphony orchestra was the pianist.

One hundred and fifty officers banqueting in a barracks-like structure down one village street—singing the immortal "F-o-o-o-r-r-r-It's Always Fair Weather."

Y. M. C. A. barracks—any one of a dozen. Bathing, serious-faced men tearing seals on Christmas packages, reading over and over letters from mother—"God bless you and bring you back to me."

An American hospital—sick and wounded receiving bountifully from the Red Cross—tobacco, candy. Sometimes the recipient was sternly forbidden to eat—and plenty of presents from home folks.

## REFUGEE CHILDREN

Thousands of little French refugee children, who learned of Santa Claus for the first time and got that immeasurable thrill that comes with the opening of queerly bulging stockings.

Plenty of turkey and trimmings everywhere.

The United Press correspondent is writing this close to the point where the Minneapolis symphony man is teasing melody out of the jangling wires of that resurrected piano. The "bunch" has finished "Holy Night."

"Here, can that sentimental stuff?"

And immediately the pianist had to slam the ivories like mad to race along with the bellowing, swelling chorus, taken up by the voice of every man within hearing.

"Goodbye, Broadway; Hello, France."

And so it was a merry Christmas.

# HALIFAX FUND GROWS STEADILY

The fund being raised in Oakland for the benefit of the Halifax disaster sufferers is growing steadily. Subscriptions are being received by the banks, and the work of raising the money is being directed by the volunteer committee of the Merchants' Exchange, of which Frank B. Cook is chairman.

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# U. S. SHIP IS LOST

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The American steamship Tuscarora, formerly a lake vessel and requisitioned by the United States Shipping Board for Atlantic service, together with her entire crew of thirty-five men, is believed to have been lost at sea somewhere north of Cape Breton Island, according to advices received today from Nova Scotia.

The crew of the Tuscarora was recruited in New England ports. She was commanded by Captain Crowell from Cape Cod. The vessel was registered at 2555 tons gross and was built in 1890.

# VOTE ON STRIKE

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Boston faces a telephone tie-up as the result of the proposed strike of 2500 operators, according to labor leaders today. The girls began voting this morning and the result will be overwhelmingly in favor of a strike to enforce their demands for higher wages, according to the opinion of their leaders.

"MOTHER'S BREAD"—the best bread money can buy—at your grocers.—Advertisement.

# Financial Review to Be Given Feature to Appear in Tribune

For the past thirteen years or more, the New York Evening Post has made its financial department one of the special features, and has concentrated the efforts of a home and foreign staff of financial writers and experts on the work of getting out the Annual Financial and Commercial Summary.

The Summary this year, compiled under the direct supervision of Alexander Dana Noyes, will be the most complete ever prepared for the Evening Post. It will contain a comprehensive survey of the business of the year 1917, of price movements, banking, railroad activity and problems, stocks and bonds, and of staple markets.

Forerunners for the coming year, showing the trend of finance and business, carefully prepared studies of war taxation in all the countries engaged in the world struggle, opinions of experts on the prospects for 1918—these will be some of the features of the great financial summary.

Special arrangements have been made with The OAKLAND TRIBUNE to publish the New York Evening Post Financial

and Commercial Summary this year, for the first time on the Pacific Coast. The financial issue of the New York Post has been looked to by bankers, merchants and business men for many years as a sound and dependable guide to business and economical affairs. Financiers on the Pacific Coast have eagerly received through the mails. This delay will be done away with this year by the special arrangement with The OAKLAND TRIBUNE by which the Financial Summary will be published here at the same time as in the East. The Annual Review will be published about the beginning of the year.

## GOES TO FRANCE

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—Major General Harry C. Hale, commander of the Eighty-fourth division at Camp Zachary Taylor, has arrived in France, according to word received here today. He will make a tour of the battle fronts. His departure from Camp Taylor has been kept secret.

# SAYS GERMANY SEES U. S. POWER

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 26.—German is beginning to realize that the United States is going to throw its full strength into the world war, according to John Miller Larsen, a Chicago manufacturer of ice machinery, who arrived here today. Larsen has been spending some time in Norway and Sweden.

Shortly before he left Europe Larsen said he and several friends were for an automobile trip, and accidentally drove into German territory. They were fired upon and arrested. Their explanations were refused and they were held four days before they were released. As Mr. Larsen talks German fluently he had many opportunities of talking with the officers.

"While the Germans belittled the value of the entry of America into the war before their men, in private conversation they said they believe it would enable the allies to secure better terms at the peace table. The officers declared, however, that Ger-

# DRAFT INFORMATION (From U. S. Legal Advisory Board for Alameda Co.)

**BULLETIN NO. 19.**  
Appeals.—Upon classifying the registrant, the local board will notify him by mail of its decision. If the registrant is dissatisfied with the decision of the local board he may appeal. The appeal must be taken within five (5) days after the mailing of the notice of classification. To take an appeal all that is necessary is that the registrant for some person

authorized by him) should go to the local board and enter in the space provided under No. 3, on page 16 of the questionnaire, a claim of appeal to the district board. No other papers are to be filed. The case is then transferred to the district board for review. This method of appeal is very simple. Appeals from the decision of district boards will be explained in Bulletin No. 20, to follow.

## LODGE IS BURNED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Historic Pebble Beach Lodge on Carmel Bay, four miles from the Hotel Del Monte, was completely destroyed by a fire which started in the kitchen at an early hour this morning. The lodge was owned by the Pacific Improvement Company who place their loss at \$20,000. It was situated on the world-famed Seventeen-Mile Drive that skirts Monterey Bay. For years it has been one of California's best known fashionable resorts.

Many could never be beaten even with all the world arrayed against her.

## HEARING TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The application of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company to issue \$5,000,000 of its general refunding mortgage five per cent gold bonds was heard by Commissioner Max Thelen of the State Railroad Commission this afternoon. The company contemplates extensive expansion and improvements in their system, notably a new gas works at Fresno which it is estimated will cost \$445,000, \$533,000 for an agricultural and plant power line from Stockton to the Mission sub-station at San Diego and improvements and extensions totaling half a million in Alameda county.

# GREEKS FREE TO JOIN AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Greece wants its citizens in the United States to enlist in the American army. Not only will it suspend punishments, which ordinarily would follow enlistments of Greeks with a foreign power, but will reward them for supporting the American arms. This is the substance of a note from the Greek government delivered here today to the state department.

## EX-OFFICIAL DEAD

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—Ivan Adrianoff, the last high official of the Russian government in Alaska when that territory belonged to the czar, is dead at the age of 92 years in Kolsky, Alaska, according to word received here today. He lived in Alaska since 1853 and never made a trip to the United States or Russia.

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Our entire stock of Winter Suits must be sold at once in order to make room for spring stocks. You can choose any Winter Suit in the house at one of these four prices:

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## Ladies' Neckwear

Mused and slightly soiled Neckwear from excessive handling, for tomorrow, exactly

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## Children's Sample Hats

In velvet, silks, corduroys and plushes, in attractive styles. A wonderful bargain tomorrow at

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the public. Directors of charity can bring this reform about without waiting until it becomes necessary to apply old laws or enact new laws for the control of those who promote charities and "public benefits" for private profit.

Fortunately, through the activities of the chambers of commerce of Oakland and San Francisco, this field has, within the last few months, become less fruitful for the professional charity promoter than it formerly was. But there is still room for safeguards against future misuse of the public spirit of philanthropy.

**RELIEVING THE RAILROADS.**

The United States government is having built at Detroit 30,000 motor trucks for use in the army. To ship these by rail would require the employment of 15,000 railway cars. In order to avoid the withdrawal of this rolling stock from other service the War Department has hit upon the happy plan of sending all of the motor trucks to Atlantic ports under their own power and at the same time laden with supplies manufactured in the Central States for the exclusive use of the army. It is estimated that this fleet of motor trucks will haul nearly a hundred thousand tons of freight, thus relieving the normal rail freight facilities of a very substantial part of their daily burden.

This incident brings sharply to the public mind the importance of good highways and the use that can be made of them in relieving traffic congestion. A great deal of exchange of products between cities not separated by too great a distance is being effected by the motor vehicle. A much further use could be made of the motor trucks if the mileage of motor roads was extended.

Chambers of commerce, boards of trade and local associations of manufacturers throughout the country can be of material help in relieving transportation congestion by furnishing to the highway departments of their respective States data as to the highways which can be most useful as substitutes for congested railway routes. This can be done by calling meetings of the traffic managers of the industries, and having them, through a committee, determine the public roads whose maintenance and improvement is most important.

Such a procedure would be in conformity with plans formulated by the American Association of State Highway Officials at a meeting in Richmond, Va., December 4, and now endorsed in effect by the Office of Public Roads. The plan provides for the preparation of a program for the improvement and maintenance, in the order of their importance, of the highways which are of greatest economic value in the present crisis. Should shortage of materials and labor require priority ruling on all highway work, the program would then be presented to the authorities at Washington as a basis for national approval and authorization of work on the essential routes. Should no priority ruling interfere the plan would nevertheless insure to the committee the expenditure of funds where it will be of the greatest benefit to the industries and people.

Evidently, if the information is to be secured at maximum speed, it is necessary to call upon those who are constantly dealing with transportation matters and who, therefore, are informed regarding the relative congestion and importance of various routes. Manifestly, these are the traffic managers of the various industries and the railroads themselves. Before the war it would have been futile to ask the railroads to supply such information. Now they eagerly welcome any agency which can help them out of their difficulties.

**A WIN-THE-WAR CREED.**

Major General George Bell Jr., commander of the Third-third or Prairie Division, has a creed. It is that there shall be no incompetents in his division and that politics shall have no place under his command.

General Bell recently returned to Camp Logan, Texas, after an absence of nearly three months on the battlefields of France. There he observed the requirements imposed on soldiers and got an idea of the kind of men who could and who could not successfully stand the tests of fighting service under modern conditions. His first official act after resuming command of his division was to call a conference of his general, field and staff officers, and to address them as follows:

"I have called you men together not because I think the division is in bad shape, because I don't. But we have got to bend every effort and strain every man to win. An officer's ability to hold his job in this division will depend upon one thing, and one thing only. That is absolute efficiency.

"Politics will have no place in this division. If a man can deliver the goods he will hold his job and be promoted. Otherwise the division will have no place for him. All men are alike to me, to start with. I will judge every officer on his ability to handle men. Each will stand or fall by that. There is no place for dead timber. If we have incompetents we must be rid of them at once. There is no idea of making a place for anybody, nor of putting any certain person in any other person's place. But only those who can make good and can deliver the goods will remain here. There are officers in the division who are lazy and will not work, and there are some who haven't the brain capacity or the executive ability to handle their commands. Both will have to go."

Perhaps General Bell visited General Pershing and knew that the commander of the expeditionary forces was going to recommend that only officers best fitted for foreign service be sent to France. In any event, his creed is sound and wholesome. It ought not to remain the exclusive property of the commander of the Third-third Division. It is good enough for America and it would be good for America if adopted.

**NOTES and COMMENT**

Jokes about women in lines of endeavor hitherto monopolized by men are no longer funny. We now see women take up such work and do it with much success. We may as well get serious about the feminine capacity as to many occupations that hitherto have been man's special prerogative.

There are notices at intervals of how the government is getting after the food profiteers. The government's efforts must be so large and comprehensive that they overshoot the mark as far as the individual is concerned. The thing that makes for higher prices does not seem anywhere to be ameliorated.

The difficulty of running down those who dynamited the Governor's residence is enhanced by the impossibility of ascribing a motive. It is difficult to conclude that it was the work of human beings who did it merely through devilish promptings, or for reasons akin to that which is behind the acts that are of the sabotage class.

When we read that "serious difficulties arise between the Kaiser and the Socialists" we may well inquire what is meant—serious? The way it is now there is no possibility of any difficulty arising between the Kaiser and any subject. Nobody within the Hun jurisdiction who thinks he can seriously discuss it with the Kaiser gets speedily disabused of the idea.

Senator King says the Kaiser is no Christian. If he cannot make it stronger than that he will not have said anything very striking.

Although Sunday led but 14,570 souls up the rugged and rocky trail at Atlanta, the people there appreciated it to the extent of making up a purse for him of the size of \$20,160. That was some appreciation and suggests that the Southern city realizes the value of every little that helps.

A sad aftermath of the De Saules tragedy was the death of the victim's father from a broken heart. His son's death and the world-wide publicity as to family affairs that followed his sensational killing proved too much for a highly sensitive man of advanced years. There is nearly always a secondary tragedy like this to every one that is heralded to the light.

The Kaiser's threat of what he is going to do to the world for not letting up, now that he wants to quit, sounds like the rant of a culprit who is secured dead to rights and who makes dire threats as to what he will do to society when he gets out.

The news did must be closed on the German reader to a tightness that we can hardly appreciate. There is such general ignorance of the real situation that the story that New York has been captured by the Kaiser's forces gets past. It is told by officers to the soldiers, with the additional detail that a Hun army is now marching on Washington, sweeping all before it.

Fewer vessels are being sunk by U-boats, but the Huns are right on hand with an explanation. It is that most of the ships have already been sunk, and few remain to sink. It is a dull situation, indeed, that cannot be camouflaged by German representation.

It might appropriately be displayed on a sort of service flag that Oakland has the lowest death rate of any city in the United States. Such a display would be appropriate in that this city sets an example in its sanitary and other conservations of the public health that might well be studied and emulated.

Editorial amenities in Colorado, according to the Leesville Light: "Our esteemed contemporary says that in reciting 'Sheridan's Ride' at the Methodist church festival last week we looked and acted like a jackass. We could retort in a way that would embitter the man's whole future, but we have learned to pass such things by. Suffice it to say that he is an infernal liar and a crawling scoundrel."

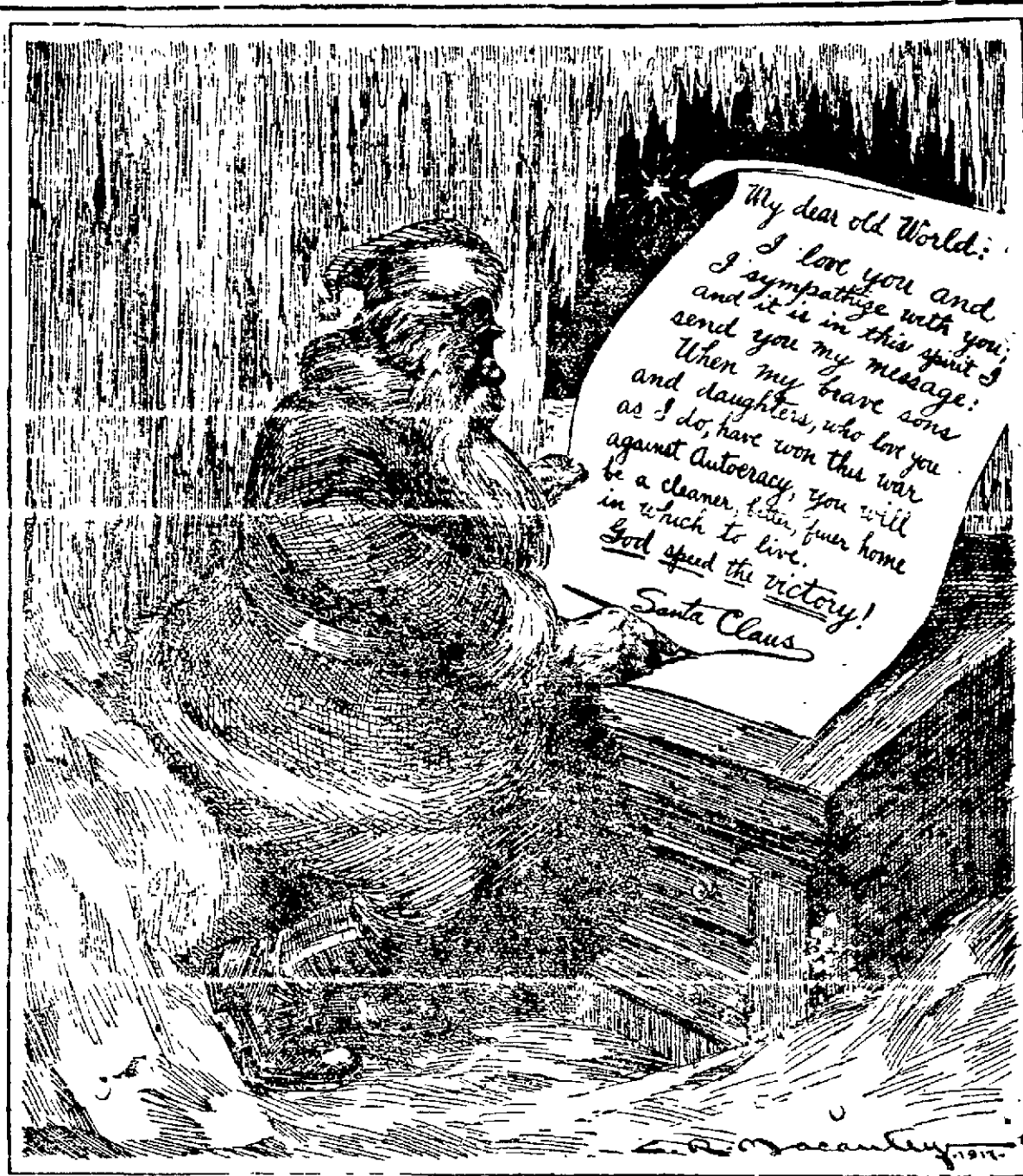
The Byron Times is notified: "We have received notice from a postmaster in a certain Costa town to discontinue sending the Times to a subscriber who recently died, for the reason that he is now deceased."

**SPIRIT OF THE STATE PRESS**

With only two exceptions the dairymen of the Corcoran district have signed up with the San Joaquin Valley Dairymen's Association for cooperative marketing of their products. The association is organized on the lines followed by the California citrus, raisin and peach growers. It proposes to do away with middlemen and bring about fair dealings between producers and consumers.—Corcoran Journal.

The proposed form of government for a consolidated City and County of Los Angeles contains the ancient blunder of electing members of the council by districts. The representative system of government is all right in state and national affairs, but the government of a city is not a political but a business affair. Every member of the council should owe his duty and allegiance to the entire city instead of to a fractional portion of it, and this would do away with the customary jockeying and wire-pulling and jealousy between the different members.—Santa Rosa Republican.

Over six tons of holly had been sent to the mainland by Captain George N. Cornell up to Saturday. Writing of the Catalina holly, Professor H. M. Abrams of the Stanford Jr. University writes: "Berries, locally known as 'Catalina holly' are heteromorphous as butifolia—a relative of the English hawthorn and Japanese photinia. The name most widely used is Totten and 'Tome' and the San Jose California. The orange and yellow colored forms are insular variations that are almost unknown on the mainland."—Avalon Islanders.

**HIS MESSAGE****HARVARD'S NEW PROBLEM**

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts decided a case of great importance to university development in its state when it forbade the merger of Harvard University and the Institute of Technology for the purpose of creating a great scientific school, jointly to be managed by the two institutions and thus to avoid building up two great schools of science side by side—actually within two miles of each other.

What, then, shall Harvard do? Perhaps there is a possibility of a subdivision of the field of science. New departments and new needs are constantly arising. Thus, at the Institute they are just establishing a great department of marine architecture in consonance with the nation's new plans for a mercantile marine. For some time past the Institute has been specializing in matters of aviation, even before the United States entered the war. It would seem, therefore, as if Harvard might select certain branches of science for its own and reach a friendly agreement with the Institute in regard thereto. Whether anything like the present arrangement of having individual students carried simultaneously at attending both institutions can be again worked out is difficult to forecast. But if some such compromise is not arrived at, Harvard is likely to duplicate the Institute needlessly, or to suffer from "undigested" millions and be recreant to her solemnly accepted trust. For by 1956 the McKay money will amount to no less than twenty-three millions, some authorities even predicting that it will reach thirty millions by that time. Here is a nut to crack which will try to the utmost Cambridge administrative genius.—New York Evening Post.

**THE DOOMED DOUGHNUT.**

The doughnut is doomed. Recent intimations of disapproval by the food administration of this matutinal confection might have been regarded as a spur to conservation and a threat that would not be carried out unless as a last resort. Bakers are prohibited in making bread or rolls from adding sugar or fats to the dough during the baking or afterward. Some difference of opinion as to what are rolls has given the doughnut a respite, but it is to be short-lived, according to the state food administrator, who brings this significant news from Washington.

This ruling gives sweet dough goods a temporary lease of life only. Mr. Hoover has a special grudge against doughnuts. They soak up fat which we do not need, and our allies are suffering for. So doughnuts and fry-pans, foods which shortly he taboo and we must not eat or make them until the war is over.

Thus is the fate of the doughnut sealed. Mr. Hoover is known as a determined man who cannot be moved from a course which he thinks will serve the interests of his country. The statement, however, that the food administrator has a grudge against the doughnut will pain many who have peculiarly strong fondness for it as an accompaniment of the morning meal, though Mr. Hoover's animus may arise from motives of patriotism, not prejudice.

If the government says the doughnut must go out of our lives then go it must. But there will be some natural regret at parting with an old and tried friend. The doughnut, like pie, has become a part of our common life. Many will find breakfast without stinkers an incomplete and unsatisfying repast. But perhaps the abstinence will bring better digestion and more equable tempers.—Indianapolis News.

**ANY OLD TIME**

"Slack" Howard, representative from Georgia, spins a yarn about two negroes down in this country, a trap game, and a watch.

The first gentleman of color won a handsome gold-plated watch, chain and charm in a trap game. He could not tell time, but he was proud of his winnings, so he draped the chain from his coat lapel, placed the watch in upper outside coat pocket and started gaily up the street.

Soon he met a second negro, who also could not tell time, but who was immediately attracted by the bright chain on his friend's coat lapel.

"Why, hello dere, Sam," he said. "Whah you git dat fine watch?"

"Oh, I win it in a trap game," was the reply.

"Dat's fine," resumed the first negro. "Whah time is it?"

What a second gentleman, the owner of the watch fopped it out of his pocket, face upward, under his friend's nose.

"Deah it is," he said. "Nonplussed, the other negro gazed fixedly at the face of the watch for a moment, and then, grinning, said: 'So it is, ain't it?'"

**SOUP EATING A LOST ART.**

Owing to the high cost of ingredients, soup eating may become a lost art. America today holds the medal for spectacular and musical soup eating. There is no nation so accomplished in the art of eating soup audibly as ours. No race of people extant can eat soup and keep up a steady conversation (without slopping it on its shirt bosom) as successfully as the American. A foreign writer once remarked that he dearly loved to hear an American eat soup. Some nations drink their broth and bouillon in silence or sop it up noiselessly with bread, thus robbing the process of all its interest. But America blows its broth cool, then musically sucks it from the spoon, allowing it to hit the base of the empty stomach with the chug of a pile driver. The way some of us strain soup through our mustaches is decidedly artistic. But, like many of the lost arts of our aborigines, the doom of soup eating is in sight.—Zim in Cartoons Magazine.

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## BANDITS IN BATTLE WITH U. S. TROOPS

MARFA, Texas, Dec. 26.—Fighting was believed to be in progress today between the rim rock and the river, twenty miles south of here between United States troops and the Mexican bandits who looted the L. C. Brite store and ranch at Candelaria yesterday, killing Michael Welch, the veteran stage driver, two of his passengers and shooting Sam Neill, foreman of the Brite ranch, through the face.

MARFA, Texas, Dec. 26.—American troops early today were guarding all known outlets to Van Horne Canyon, where 100 Mexican bandits who on Christmas morning crossed the American border, raided the post-office and general stores on the Brite ranch 27 miles southeast of here, killed Michael Welch, a veteran stage driver, and his two Mexican passengers, wounded Sam Neill, foreman of the Brite ranch, and carried away loot estimated to be worth \$7000, besides horses stolen from the ranch, are hiding.

After the bandits disappeared over the rim rock, which rises abruptly more than 1000 feet above the Rio Grande, the soldiers, who were in close pursuit, fired many rounds at them and are reported to have killed and wounded many Mexicans. The shooting compelled the bandits to abandon the horses on which they carried away the loot. Colonel George T. Langhorne, in command of the American forces in the Big Bend, expected the pursuit to be resumed at daybreak.

### FIGHT OFF BANDITS.

When the bandits attacked the ranch Neill, with his wife and a number of ranch hands, barricaded themselves in a ranch house a short distance from the Brite postoffice and fought off the bandits until United States soldiers had been sent to their assistance.

Cavalrymen, under command of Captain Leslie A. Sprinkle, were rushed to the Brite ranch in automobiles, the soldiers leaving camp at 11:30 o'clock, just a few minutes before mess call for their annual Christmas dinner was to have been sounded.

## Music Teacher May Get Share of Big Estate

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Miss Eugenie Farrar, a music teacher, may get a share of the \$500,000 estate left by Theodore A. Lord, an attorney of Yonkers, as the result of a decision handed down here today. The court ruled that she had proved that she was married to Lord in San Francisco in 1888. Princess Mikhkoff, formerly Aimee Crocker Gould of California, had testified that she witnessed the marriage. Lord left his fortune to his stenographer and friends, stating that he was not married.

mas dinner was to have been sounded.

When the raiders sighted the approaching cavalry they abandoned the work of pillage and rode off over the almost impassable rim rock toward the southwest, dropping over it just a few minutes ahead of Captain Sprinkle and his men. A natural barrier is formed by the rim rock between Brite's ranch and the Rio Grande. Impassable, save at certain points where winding trails have been cut in the rocky walls.

At the point where the bandits dropped from sight of the pursuing troops there is an abrupt descent of more than 1000 feet. When the soldiers had gone as far as possible in automobiles they continued the pursuit on foot to the edge of the rim rock, where they did some expert shooting at the fleeing bandits at a distance of over 1000 yards. A number of Mexicans were believed to have been killed and many wounded.

Early this morning the bandits were hiding in Van Horne canyon, while the troops are guarding all known outlets waiting for daylight to continue the pursuit. Horses have been furnished the soldiers by ranches living in the vicinity. Colonel Langhorne has ordered his men to pursue no effort to completely exterminate the bandits.

Captain Sprinkle reported that the bandits had been forced to abandon everything but a few of the horses they were riding. In his report to Colonel Langhorne he expressed the opinion that the raiders were Carranza soldiers. He also reported that the raiders were apparently attempting to reach the Rio Grande.

## FIRST CALL UNDER NEW DRAFT MADE

The first call under the classification draft was issued from Washington today when 1000 bricklayers, needed by General Pershing, were ordered called into service from the questionnaire tabulations. The call was issued in the form of instructions from Provost Marshall General Crowder addressed to the governors of all the states.

The calling of bricklayers of available service will be the first work under the new draft. Examining boards will under the orders received today, report on the number immediately available for service. Only white bricklayers are desired. They will be forwarded, following their examination, to the aviation section of the signal corps division at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas.

Under the order, which represents the initial application of the special occupational classification of the draft law, bricklayers in each division will be assembled in order of their draft numbers. Crowder's announcement indicates that similar calls will be made immediately in other draft lines.

The following questionnaires have been mailed to date from the different draft boards as follows: No. 1, 1 to 1508; No. 2, 1 to 1101; No. 3, 1 to 978; No. 4, 1 to 1873; No. 5, 1 to 1500; No. 6, 1 to 2300. Many of the latter will not be replied to within the time limit of seven days, owing to the fact that numbers of them are in China and Alaska.

## MANY GIRLS LOST

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Chicago, noted for its bank robberies of the past few months, is also becoming known as "the port of missing girls." Police records show twenty-four girls missing between December 4 and 25, most of them between the ages of 15 and 17—more than a girl a day.

### EXECUTOR SUES ON NOTE.

Edward T. Houghton, executor of the will of Alden T. Ames, resident of Hayward, has sued to recover on a demand note given by Edward A. Ellsworth in the amount of \$4206. The note was given, according to the allegation, a week before the death of the payee.

## BRADHOFF TO QUIT; RULES MAY CHANGE

The resignation of P. F. Bradhoff, secretary of the General Contractors' Association since its organization, is to be filed this week, according to members of the association. Radical changes in the makeup of the body are forecasted to follow.

Bradhoff is to give up his office to enter business for himself, according to his declaration to friends in the organization. The resignation is expected to come before the board of directors January 2.

Differences attributed to the inclusion of materials men and general contractors in the same organization are expected to be brought to light. These were the cause four years ago of the secession of the general contractors from the old Builders' Exchange. For three years the organizations operated separately. Under the presidency of William Makin and later of O. W. Fletcher the differences were patched up and the organizations re-united. The Builders' Exchange dropping its identity and joining the general contractors.

There have been disagreements subsequently over contracts, methods of figuring and cutting of prices, between the general contractors and the materials men. The latter, it is charged, have several times cut prices to the sub-contractors under his general contracts. General contractors have been bitterly accused, on the other hand, of soliciting cut prices or making them prerequisite to consideration in sub-contracts.

Bradhoff's resignation has been sought as a mediator between the warring factions. He was secretary of the Builders' Exchange when the general contractors seceded and went with them. Materials men have considered him largely innocent in forming the new body. The new alliance of the organizations saw some of these old disputes revived, according to members.

### Under the succeeding regime a demand will be made for a stringent rule of the cut-price which may precipitate a new and serious breach.

## FIX SILVER PRICES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Fixing of silver prices under government agreement with the producers is imminent. Director of the Mint Baker states today. Announcement is expected within a week. The agreement will allow producers to sell their silver at a fixed price.

Under the government will be assured of all the silver it needs for war and other purposes at its own price. The arrangements contemplate also purchase of all silver by the government, to be resold to private refiners at cost.

## Blue Bird Bureau

A sturdy, dark-eyed boy of twelve came to the Blue Bird Bureau Christmas day, asking for some toys for his little brother and sister.

"I tried to make some little furniture for them myself," he announced bravely. "But I couldn't do it good, and they ain't got nothing to play with."

A few toys left from the many Christmas bundles that had been sent out were assembled and given him. "Somebody brought us some candy and nuts, but nothing to play with," he said as he went away. "Merry Christmas."

A Good Fellow who carried Christmas into three homes arrived at the last with only some candles and a few small toys. Before taking in her bundles, she talked with the small boy at the door.

"Merry Christmas," she said. "Merry Christmas," he answered soberly.

"Did you have Christmas already in your home?" she asked anxiously, fearing that her bundle was a little small for the group of children she saw clustering about the mother inside.

"Sure," the boy answered without a smile. "My baby sister got a new dress."

Yet this was one of the most generous

Christmases that ever came to Oakland. From relief institutions and orphan homes came the report that more toys had been received than in any previous year.

The same thing occurred at the Blue Bird Bureau. The stores reported a tremendous Christmas business. But many people were not willing to ask for help, and there were homes not visited by Santa Claus or any other Good Fellow because nobody knew of them.

Some of the most pitiful cases of distress that have been reported to the Blue Bird Bureau have been discovered by neighbors and called to the attention of the bureau without the consent of those who needed help.

A fine spirit has pervaded the Christmas work, a spirit not of "playing bountiful" but of realizing human brotherhood and human need, a spirit of a community working for the happiness of all those within its boundaries.

Acknowledgment is made of the receipt of \$5 to the Blue Bird fund today, to be "used as needed" and sent by "E. H." It will probably be used for shoe orders, as the demand for shoes for children during the winter is a constant and unending demand, a demand which falls more heavily upon the small earnings of the family than any other item of clothing.

## POSTOFFICE RUSH SETS NEW RECORD

The heaviest Christmas rush of business in the history of the local office is Postmaster Joseph J. Rosborough's report of the past few days. War conditions, which increased the amount of parcel-post packages by thousands of gifts sent to the soldiers in the cantonments, extended the usual eight to ten-day period of rush to three weeks this year.

The extra help hired for the holiday season consisted of 60 clerks and 65 carriers, and to the delivery vehicles were added 15 automobiles and 20 wagons. Some of the men slept in the postoffice building during the height of the rush in order that they might lose no time in going to and from work. Meals were hastily snatched and every moment of time was utilized. On Christmas morning the staff was at work at 1 o'clock and from then until dusk the activity was unceasing.

The thanks of the postal employees were extended today to the newspapers and the public for cooperation. The newspapers were insistent in their "shop early" and "mail early" advice, and the public heeded the words. All the packages were mailed here by the evening of the 24th. Next year an attempt will be made to have every Oakland citizen who is sending a gift away have the package mailed on the 23d.

## ONLY TWO APPLY

Although the civil service board has authorized the appointment of five substitute patrolmen only two candidates on the eligible list of twenty-two have applied for appointment. Commissioner Jackson announced today. At the same time the Civil Service Board has provided for the filling of fifteen positions in the fire department made vacant by the draft for other causes. Thomas J. Alexander, a hoseman, today tendered his resignation to Fire Chief Elliot Whitehead and it was accepted.

## S. F. MAN WOUNDED

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 26.—American soldiers mentioned in the latest casualty list include: Wounded—S. Smith, San Francisco.

rit in the San Francisco offices, has made possible her acceptance of the leadership of the Oakland defense council.

Immediate steps will be taken to thoroughly organize the women of the city on the army plan, such as has proved its success in other large units in California. A mass meeting of those who are interested in the service which women may render has been called by Miss Moore for Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the council chambers in the City Hall. The new organization will be explained in detail and preliminary steps taken toward its inauguration.

## Three Remarkable Values In BRASS BEDS

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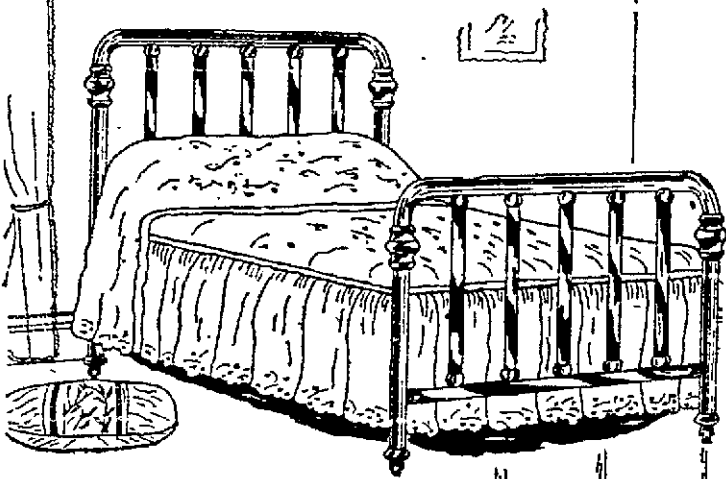
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## Brass Bed No. 2—(not pictured) \$25.00

In double and three-quarter sizes

This bed is like No. 3, pictured below, but without the heavy ornaments at the turn of the post. The spindles are lighter, being but one-half inch in thickness instead of one inch, as shown in the picture. It is a Simmons bed. You can not expect or get more than that.



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# Breuners

CLAY STREET AT FIFTEENTH

## What is doing TO-NIGHT.

Berkeley Rebekahs hold Christmas entertainment.  
Knights of Pythias hold Christmas celebration, Pythian Castle.  
Croquet Council No. 101 meets, Starr King Hall.  
Illinois Society holds banquet.  
California Home Guard drills, police gymnasium, City Hall, evening.  
Macdonough—The Flame.  
Orpheum—Harriet Rempel and vaudeville.  
Fantasies—Winnifred Gilraie and her dancing girls.  
Bishop—The Scrap of Paper.  
Columbia—Jim Post in a Trip to China-town.  
Hippodrome—Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.  
T. & D.—The Judgment House.  
American—Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp.  
Kinema—Ruby de Remer in The Auction Block.  
Franklin—J. Barney Sherry in Fantasies.  
Broadway—Ruth Clifford in The Savage.  
Lake Merritt—Boating.

## What is doing TO-MORROW.

Supervisors meet, morning.  
Art exhibit, Auditorium.  
Elks hold Christmas links, clubrooms, evening.  
Alameda County Civic Association, Assembly Hall, Sacro Building, evening.  
Col. John P. Irish speaks, luncheon of Rotary Club, Hotel Oakland.  
War Service League meets, Hotel Oakland, 8 p. m.

## "Caltex" Invisible Bifocals Ground From American Made Glass

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# TO BE SEEN AT THE LOCAL PLAYHOUSES

## Three Headline Offerings on the Orpheum Bill

Three headlines, on a mammoth bill in which every act is famous, are the attractions for Christmas week at the Oakland Orpheum. Harriet Rempel, in her wonderful allegorical story "Just Around the Corner," Willie Weston, composer and singer, in his own character songs, and William and Wolfus—"Hark, Hark, Hark!" is sufficient to recall them to all who have laughed with or at them, are the names in the big type on the bills.

Claude and Fanny Usher return in "Fagan's Decision"—Spare ribs and all. Spare ribs is the dog in the act—and he is as clever an actor as anyone in the sketch. He has been playing the part eleven years.

Robbie Gordon, the famous model, poses in reproductions of famous statues. She impersonates a Dresden clock, statues of various forms, and in some of her own models she offers novelties in the art line. Miss Gordon is a sculptor as well as a noted model.

Raymond Wilbert opens the bill with a slightly comedy juggling act, "On the Golf Links," in which he does difficult tricks with hoops and golf clubs.

Ralph Dunbar's "Tennessee Ten" are ten dusky singers who offer a musical picture of plantation days, "Way Down South." Their "Jazz Band," with their dancing conductor, U. S. Thompson, ends the act in a brilliant finale. There is a Christie Comedy and a Fathe Weekly.

Harriet Rempel, with her company of players is seen in Tom Barry's whimsical moment from life, entitled, "Just Around the Corner."

The central character, a poor starving, the playlet tells the story of Ashes, a longing, wistful, dreaming wonderful dreams of a "cleaner, sweeter land." Wandering about seeking for his Elysium

she suddenly finds herself in her desire. There is a Prince Charming in modern evening clothes, cape coat, top hat, all such as she had visualized in her mind's eye. Providing her with the proper habiliments, the Prince Charming introduces her to the glorious life of her fancy, which justifies, as never before, her optimistic creed that one can find happiness "just around the corner." If one will only look for it.

Miss Rempel is also known as a successful writer of vaudeville sketches and has to her credit "The Futurist East Lynne," playing in the East, and "You," which her sister Bessie is presenting on the Orpheum Circuit. Her initial Orpheum vehicle, "Just Around the Corner," however, is not from her pen. It was written by Tom Barry especially for her.

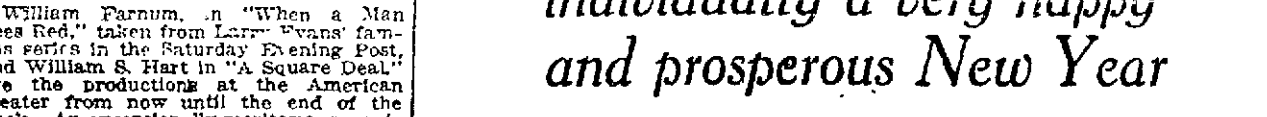
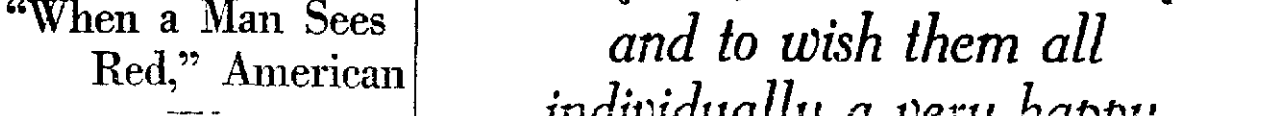
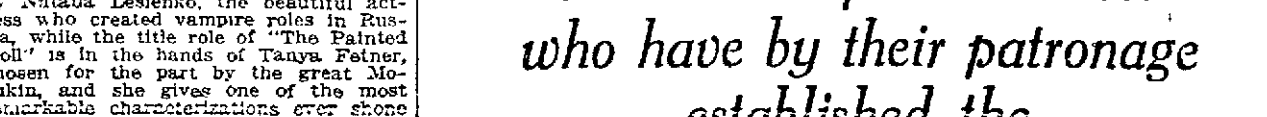
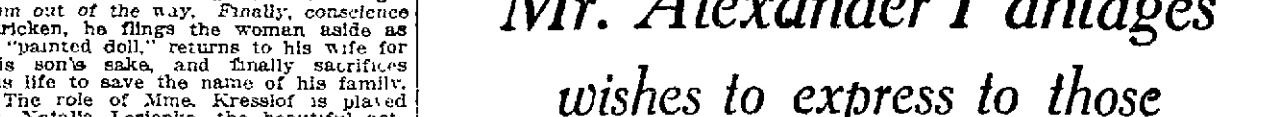
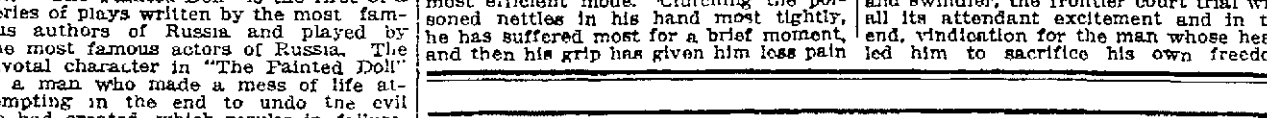
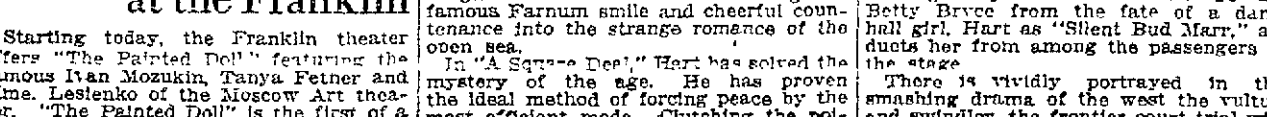
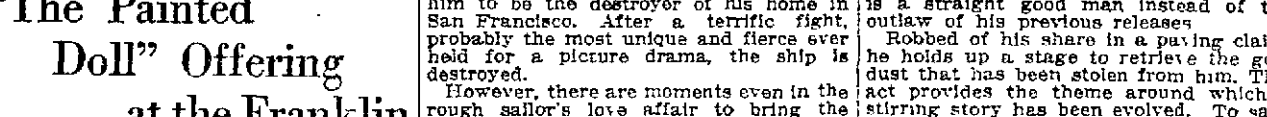
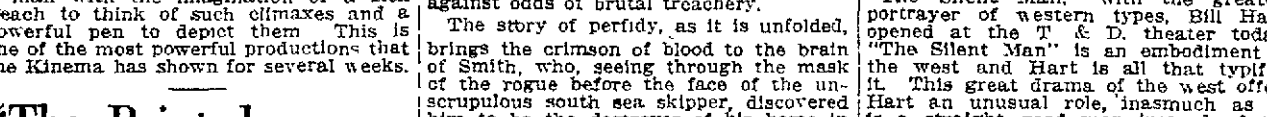
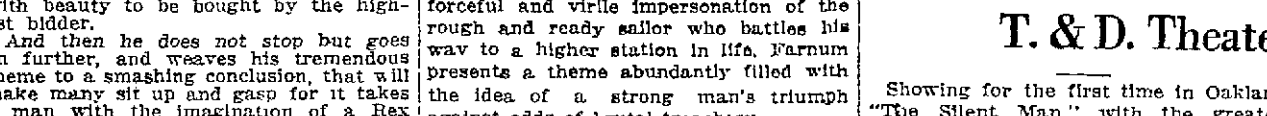
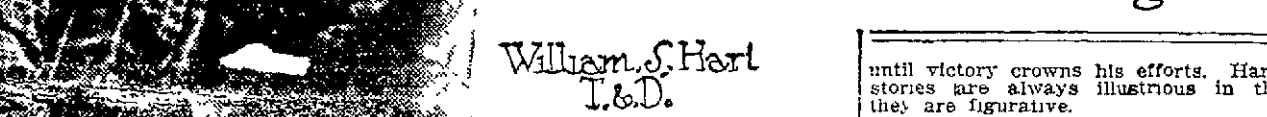
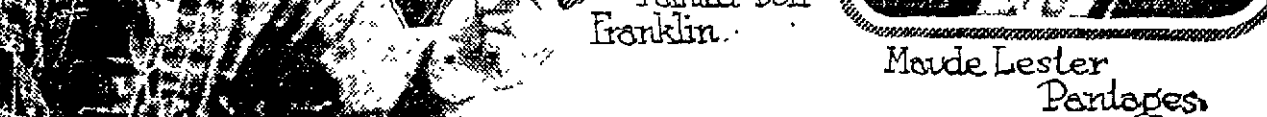
Coming from a line of theatrical people Miss Rempel has been on the stage since adolescence. She made her debut years ago in the "Ten-Ten-Thirty" melodramas where, as she picturesquely put it, "I was kidnapped in the first act, tied to a railroad track in the second, weighted and thrown into the sea in the third, and rescued in the fourth after the villain was about to burn me alive." She gained wonderful experience, however, and looks back at those days as some of her most pleasant memories.

## "Auction Block" By Rex Beach at the Kinema

In his "Auction Block" which is being shown this full week at the Kinema, Rex Beach is so comprehensive that no one girl's life could be used. Almost any of the women who have faced the struggle of earning a living, whose beauty has been on the auction block, might be the heroine of his powerful drama. He takes her from the time she is an innocent little country lass, and starts her with high ideals for the stage. He follows her into the maelstrom of New



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See The Stage Holdup  
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The Frontier  
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of the Des  
as only "Bill"  
Hart can portray  
the Western character.

Halifax Disaster!!!  
Scenes of terrible destruction  
in for first time at T. & D.  
"Hart" brought by explosion.  
Actual scenes of ruins and work of  
succor among the stricken.

## "The Painted Doll" Offering at the Franklin

Starting today, the Franklin theater offers "The Painted Doll" featuring the famous Ivan Mozukin, Tanya Fetner and Mme. Leslenko of the Moscow Art theater. "The Painted Doll" is the first of a series of plays written by the most famous authors of Russia and played by the most famous actors of Russia. The pivotal character in "The Painted Doll" is a man who made a mess of life at the start of the story, who in the end he had created, which results in failure. This part is played by Ivan Mozukin.

Ivan Kresloff, the millionaire, neglected by his wife, seeks solace with the pretty wife of an employee. He kills his servant and fastens the crime on this woman's husband in order to get him out of the way. Finally, conscience stricken, he finds the woman aside as a "painted doll," returns to his wife for his son's sake, and finally sacrifices his life to save the name of his family.

The role of Mme. Kresloff is played by Natalia Leslenko, the beautiful actress who created vampire roles in Russia, while the title role of "The Painted Doll" is in the hands of Tanya Fetner, chosen for the part by the great Mozukin, and she gives one of the most remarkable characterizations ever shown on the screen.

On the same bill with this masterpiece of the new republic is Roy Stewart in "The Learning of Sam Houston," the story of how a wealthy but unlearned cattle king learned considerable more than reading and writing from the pretentious schoolmaster that he hired to teach his men.

William Farnum, in "When a Man Sees Red," taken from Larry Evans' famous series in the Saturday Evening Post, and William S. Hart in "A Square Deal," are the productions of the American theater from now until the end of the week. An exceptionally meritorious musical score has been arranged by John Wharry Lewis and his orchestra, and an interesting Mutual Weekly is projected. Scenes of San Francisco's bitterest night life in the days when the atmosphere was more favorable for that sort of thing provide the settings for William Farnum's powerful depiction of the character of Luther Smith. A rover in the south sea, an adventurer typical of the days when romance and riches blended with the heroes of the west, Farnum gives a

forceful and virile impersonation of the rough and ready sailor who battles his way to a higher station in life. Farnum presents a theme abundantly filled with the ideas of a strong man's triumph against odds of brutal treachery.

The story of perjury, as it is unfolded, brings the crimson of blood to the brain of Smith, who, seeing through the mask of the rogue before the face of the unscrupulous south sea skipper, discovered him to be the destroyer of his home in San Francisco. After a terrific fight, probably the most unique and fierce ever held for a picture drama, the ship is destroyed.

However, there are moments even in the rough sailor's love affair to bring the famous Farnum smile and cheerful countenance into the strange romance of the open sea.

In "A Square Deal," Hart has solved the mystery of the age. He has proven the ideal method of forcing peace by the most efficient mode. Clutching the poisoned nettles in his hand most tightly, he has suffered most for a brief moment, and then his grip has given him less pain

## Halifax Scenes of Disaster at T. & D. Theater

Showing for the first time in Oakland, "The Silent Man," with the greatest portrayal of western types, Bill Hart, opened at the T. & D. theater today. "The Silent Man" is an embodiment of the west and Hart is all that typifies it. This great drama of the west offers Hart an unusual role, inasmuch as he is a straight good man instead of the outlaw of his previous releases.

Robbed of his share in a paying claim, he holds up a stage to retrieve the gold dust that has been stolen from him. This act provides the theme around which a stirring story has been evolved. To save Betty Bruce from the fate of a dance hall girl, Hart as "Silent Bud Hart," abducts her from among the passengers on the stage.

There is vividly portrayed in this amazing drama of the west the culture and evidence, the frontier court trial with all its attendant excitement and in the end, vindication for the man whose heart led him to sacrifice his own freedom

Mr. Alexander Pantages wishes to express to those who have by their patronage established the Pantages Theatre as the leading vaudeville center in Oakland, his sincere thanks and to wish them all individually a very happy and prosperous New Year

Pantages Theatre

CHARLES H. NIEMEYER,  
Resident Manager.

and life for the girl he had stolen and whom he had married to the love Charles Kenyon, who wrote the story, has thrown a fine lot of sympathy in the way of Bud Hart, the character Hart portrays, and as a result it creates a strong appeal.

"The Silent Man" provides the surprise portrayal of western characters with a vehicle that utilizes the majority of his many abilities and produces the desired western atmosphere to a remarkable degree.

Actual scenes of the Halifax disaster, taken the day following the holocaust, are being shown for the first time in Oakland at the T. & D. theater. The scenes show the destruction that was wrought when the Belgian relief vessel collided with a man-of-war ship. Scenes of the devastation also caused by the fire which followed the disaster and the search for the bodies of the victims.

A Fathe news picture and another of O'Henry's great stories are on the same screen bill, which is further enhanced by the appearance of the T. & D. quartet, seven-piece concert band, and the Allen Lane at the ocean in popular music.

## Blonde Dancer Shocked Boston; Is at Pantages

Winifred Gilrairie, the petite little blonde dancer who shocked Mayor Curley of Boston until that Puritanical individual put through a new city ordinance requiring all dancers, classic and otherwise, who appeared in public to at least wear stockings is the star of the Pantages bill this week. Miss Gilrairie, before her vaudeville debut was a feature of the big Passing Show at the New York Winter Garden and before that was the dancing partner of Ivan Bankoff.

She is assisted in her act by six unusually pretty girls who present an unusually interesting routine of dances including the celebrated "Back to Nature" feature.

Several little unusual features attend the appearance of the Doris Lester T. & D. which is the second number on the Pantages program. In the first place Doris Lester made her first appearance eight years ago in the arms of James J. Corbett, the pugilist. She appeared at the Macdonough before the fire with Corbett in his presentation of "The Lady and the Burglar."

In the second place Little Doris is now a star. She was married last July to Robert McKinley, son of a New York broker, who is accompanying her on her present tour. In those hours during which the act is not working McKinley is selling a patent letter opener. When the act is working he is the unseen hand that rings the telephone bells and smashes the glass.

In the third place Al Lester, the man in this act, met his old friend James Du Frane on the Pantages stage last evening after a period of twenty years during which they had lost track of each other. The two used to go to school together in Jersey City and both took to the stage. Lester as an actor and Du Frane as a stage hand. Now Du Frane is in one of the acts.

The fourth incident attending the engagement is that Lester, through one of those chance affairs of the booking agent has again encountered his brother-in-law.

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## OAKLAND Orpheum

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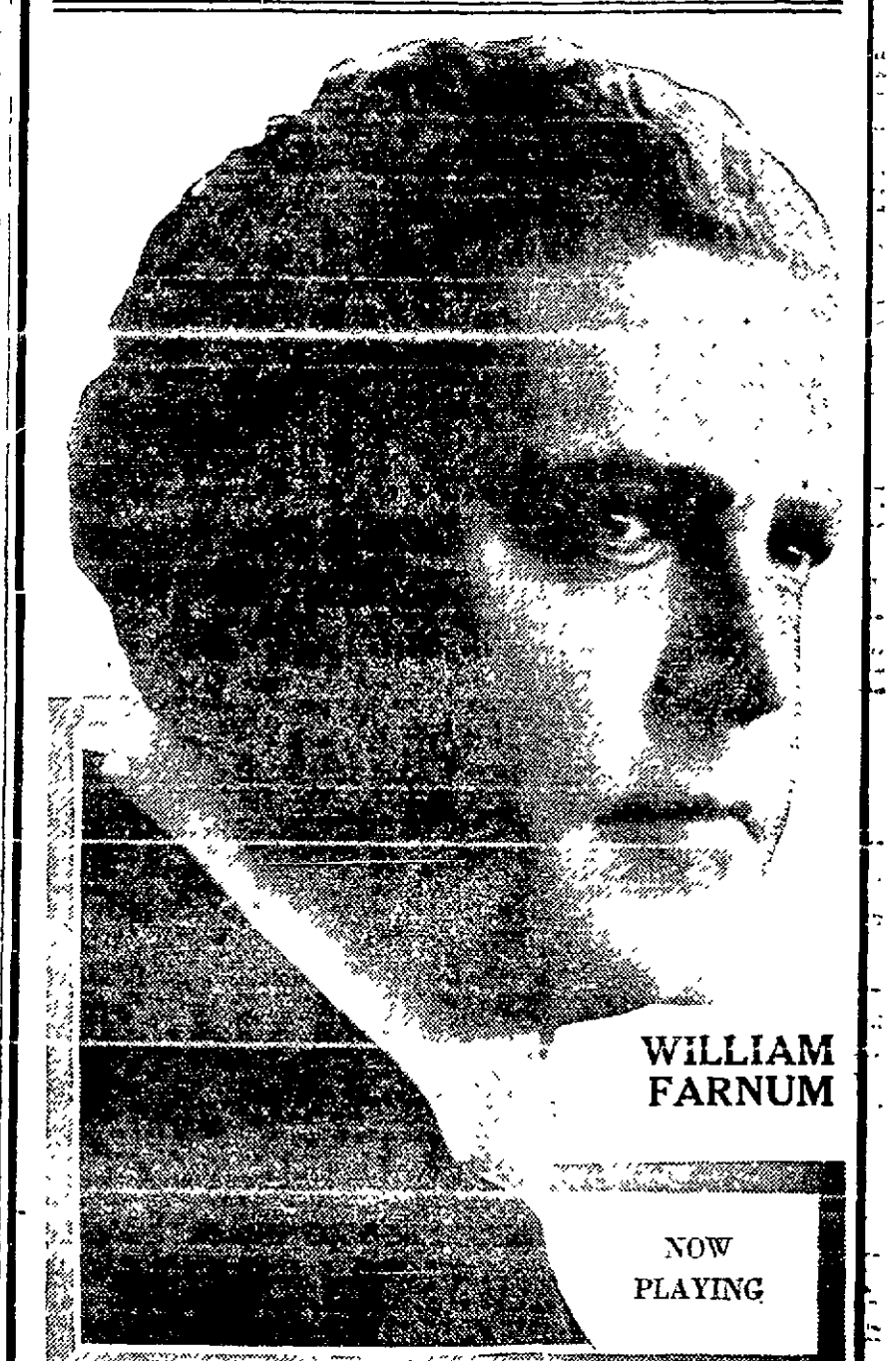
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## new Womens of Clubs

By Edna B. Kinard

Perhaps the most dangerous indictment against society and to herself is the girl who, mentally incomplete, may be classed indefinitely as feeble-minded. However, the term is an elastic one, with many grades of undeveloped mental power. Usually, the girl is physically of great attraction, loving admiration and not unwilling to sacrifice herself to win it. For the girl who has passed her twenty-first year there is no legislation in the state providing care for her. Up to that time, however, some supervision of her life and actions is possible. With abnormal social conditions existing in California by reason of the presence of large bodies of men and the excitement which war preparations bring, there are peculiar temptations offered this type of young womanhood.

Women of the Legislative Council of California and the California Civic League are giving particular attention to this phase of social service and are standing behind a plan which will enlarge the facilities for protection to the offender whose weak will and lack of brain power is her only sin.

At the last session of the legislature there was appropriated a large sum for the building of a home for the feeble-minded girl, with a generous plan for her care and education. The bill had the united support of the women of California, who recognized the great necessity for the new institution. It was one of the three bills initiated by the Women's Legislative Council of California. Just now the women are bending all their energies to a plan which, under the proper authorities, will result in a swift war plan for the extension of the facilities which are offered these feeble-minded offenders at Glen Ellen.

A silver medal has been received by the baby hygiene committee of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, California branch, of which Mrs. E. J. Mott is president. The award comes from the Panama-Pacific Exposition and is in recognition of the work which the baby hygiene committee did in collaboration with the Federal Children's Bureau Exhibit. There are yet scores of little red socks to be turned into the committee from the children, or both sides the bay, although the fund, which is used to supply the wards of the Associated Charities in San Francisco, the Baby Hospital in Oakland and the Charity Association in Berkeley, has been completely sold by the penny offerings which were made this month.

will assemble tomorrow afternoon at Hotel Oakland, containing an enthusiastic patriotism with the members of the holiday week at the invitation of the members of Alameda chapter, woman's section, Navy League. The tea is arranged to honor Mrs. Leigh Thompson Smith, regent of the local chapter, who was its representative at the recent national convention held on the Atlantic coast. Her return is being made the inspiration for the most brilliant affair of the days of the year, when she will tell in an interesting way of some of the interesting phases of war life in New York and Washington, where she was entertained in the official set extensively. There will be music and informal toasts and a general carnival of fun about the tea tables.

In the receiving line will be the women of the board of directors and the advisory board, numbering some score of leaders in the hostess body.

It is time now for women to begin on their plan for the fruit season before the fruit shall demand attention. New York and Newark, N. J., succeeded with a novel scheme last year, which not only saved the crop, but proved the laborer worthy of his hire. The beginning of the plan is that the stores which remained after the crops of canners had selected their proportion were offered to the public for sale. The Mayor's Committee of National Defense had directed the effort.

Each woman patriot was allowed 15 cents an hour for her labor. Value in canned goods was offered in payment. She was privileged to receive the credit herself or to assign it to families in the poorer sections of the city or charity organizations in connection with this sale is an accurate, detailed cost sheet which has been worked out by the committee's business manager. Items in the cost include about \$500 for nearly 700 jars of foodstuffs, \$500 for labor, about \$500 for jars, and about \$550 for equipment and overhead charges (very low). After estimating the

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## Society

With Christmas festivities about over, society has diverted its attention to the New Year, the ushering in of which is always a memorable event and one which cannot be overlooked. This year one wonders if the joyous parties of old will be renewed, for, though sorrow and sadness pervade one part of the world, still the old year must wind its way into nothingness and the new year, full of expectancy and hope for universal peace, be welcomed. So again will the crowds assemble at the midnight trials to be held in the Auditorium or hotel lobbies, others for the merry gatherings where for a time naught but joy will prevail.

In Coronado the chief event of the winter season is to be the "Ball of All Nations," to take place Saturday, January 12. Present at this social event will be quite a few cast away folk who have gone south for a time, a number of the younger matrons to be near their husbands who are stationed in the southern hemisphere. Possibilities for costume effects are inexhaustible and quite naturally those depicting the national costume of the central powers will be in the minority and many interesting notes will be made upon such an occasion.

Open house New Year's day is long looked forward to by old acquaintances, for upon that day are renewed many of the friendships which years of change of residence have somewhat weakened. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Henshaw of Vernon Heights will keep the day as usual open to their friends, their reception held always in the forenoon, when the service of the "famous eggnog" is featured. The I. Harrison Clays will also observe the day.

Mrs. Daniel Easterbrook has asked a group of her most intimate friends to share her hospitality New Year's eve at the Claremont Country Club, where a jolly party will be on. All ready reservations have been reached, a lengthy list for this event, when friends of the members are to be special guests that night.

Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Glen C. Barnhardt motored to their ranch near San Jose after the Christmas festivities at their home. They intend to return in time to spend the New Year at their Oakland home.

Christmas in the Timothy Christopher Coogan home in Linda Vista was a progressive party, the day being spent by all members of the family at their home. Christmas eve the Albert Coogans spent at the home of Mrs. Coogan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wallington.

Yesterday morning Mr. and Mrs. Albert Coogan were host and hostess at a breakfast at their pretty little home.

From their home in Idaho Mr. and Mrs. Max Truman Smith have come to the holidays. They are at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley. The usual family reunion was held at the Burch home.

The Tennis Club in the Claremont Hotel grounds is to be the setting for a New Year's dance which Mr. and Mrs. Albert Allen and Mr. and Mrs.

exact cost of each jar, the whole sheet was gone over and an adjusted value placed on each jar to provide for excessive charges for products on which time was lost by inexperienced or inefficient workers. How uneven would have been the charges made without adjustment. It showed by the fact that carrots, with an appraised value of 35 cents, figured 43 cents a jar; blackberries, appraised at 75 cents, cost 71 cents. The loss was equally distributed throughout the total production.

Another fruit story comes from Uplands in this state where, with jars, sugar and fuel furnished by the citizens, 35 women in the domestic science rooms of the high school gave two mornings a week to canning 610 pints of fruit to be sent to the army. In a number of units of the Council of Defense next year some manner of co-operative machinery will be invented for handling the work of manufacture and distribution.

With the homes of California well decorated with war flags and banners, there is still one which we are sure is being made in the Triangle Flag. Abroad it is one which is recognized everywhere. We have in our windows the national flag, the service flag, the Red Cross insignia, the emblem of the federal food administration. Hunger flag. When it goes up, the toast is sounded. It means that the people of the village or city are in the last extremity; that there is nothing to eat anywhere, and that the people are literally dying of starvation. It is not put up readily.

## AVIATRIX TO FLY

Katherine Stinson, the girl flier who broke the American non-stop flight record with her aerial trip from San Diego to San Francisco, will be the principal attraction at the all-star matinee to be given at Tanforan Park next Sunday afternoon. The affair is primarily for the Grizzlies' comfort fund, as the crack California artillery regiment will use its share of the proceeds to purchase necessities not down on the regular army schedule.

## TRAIN HITS AUTO

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 26.—While delivering Christmas presents, Miss Jessie Wharton and Fred Greene, a mining engineer, both of Butte, were almost instantly killed when an enclosed roadster in which they were riding was struck by a Northern Pacific passenger train about fifteen miles west of this city. Apparently the storm curtains on their automobile prevented their noting the approach of the train.

Theodore Morehouse are to give December 31 for Miss Eleanor Allen, Parker Allen and Teddy Morehouse, a member of the school friends of the honor guests are to be present that evening and the midnight supper will be one of the delightful features of the evening's diversion.

The George W. McNear home across the bay was the scene of a brilliant family dinner yesterday and about the handsomely appointed table were seated Mr. and Mrs. E. Swift Train, Mr. and Mrs. George Nickel and their little family. At the conclusion of the dinner the guests were informed of a group of the younger married contingent.

Tomorrow is the date set for the marriage of Miss Mildred Ponting and Captain Edward Chamberlain Rose, U. S. A., the ceremony to be in St. John's Presbyterian church in the evening. A large number of guests are to be present at the church ceremony, which will be read by Rev. George G. Eldridge. There will be but one attendant upon the bride, Miss Suzanne Guilfoyle, and an intimate friend of the bridegroom-elect will be best man. A reception for the more intimate friends of the family will be held at the Ponting home after the wedding.

In compliment to their son, Leon Brooks Walker, who arrived Christmas morning from Yale University to spend the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Walker are to give an informal dinner party tomorrow evening across the bay. The invitations have been extended to the debutante set and dancing is to be an after diversion.

New Year's eve at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis Hill in Alameda will be a merry event, when a score or more of the married contingent who make up the informal dancing party will be guests at their home. The serving of a midnight supper is to be a jolly part of the New Year diversion.

With the holiday came the announcement of the betrothal of Miss Flora Jenness, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jenness of Berkeley, and Malcolm Whitlow Scotchier. Scotchier was with the naval reserve up to a short time ago, when he was transferred to another branch of the department. Miss Jenness is a sister of Mrs. Robert Thompson, wife of Lieutenant Thompson, U. S. N. The bridegroom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lincoln Scotchier. No lay arrangements have been made for the wedding as yet.

## WOMAN KILLED

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 26.—An unknown woman was run down and almost instantly killed by an automobile truck loaded with children homeward bound from a Christmas party as she stepped from a street car in the residence section of the city. The victim was crushed against the front of the truck and died in a hospital a few moments later without regaining consciousness. She was well dressed, wore diamond earrings and a watch bearing the engraved initials "M. H." Up to a late hour she had not been identified.

## SEARCHING FOR WOMAN KIDNAPER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Search for a mysterious woman who is declared to have kidnapped three-year-old Nodina Helen Cunningham when the mother of the child refused to permit the woman to adopt her, is being made by the police in the hope of recovering the little girl. The kidnapping occurred yesterday at the Christmas tree celebration at the Civic Auditorium, to which Mrs. Cunningham had taken her four children.

While the youngsters were watching the distribution of presents by Santa Claus, a tall fair-haired woman, nicely dressed and wearing a beautiful set of furs, approached Mrs. Cunningham and spoke of adopting the child, saying she was a widow and wanted to take her home.

MOTHER REFUSES OFFER. "You can find children to adopt in the foundling home," returned Mrs. Cunningham. "We are poor, but we are going to keep our children."

"I will give her a good home and an education and make her a woman," Mrs. Cunningham shook her head, and the conversation was dropped. Later, while she was paying attention to one of the other children, the woman is believed to have led the little girl away on the pretext of taking her up to the tree to receive a present. Mrs. Cunningham at first believed that Helen was with Miss E. Fisher, 835 Golden Gate avenue, who had come with her to help her with the children.

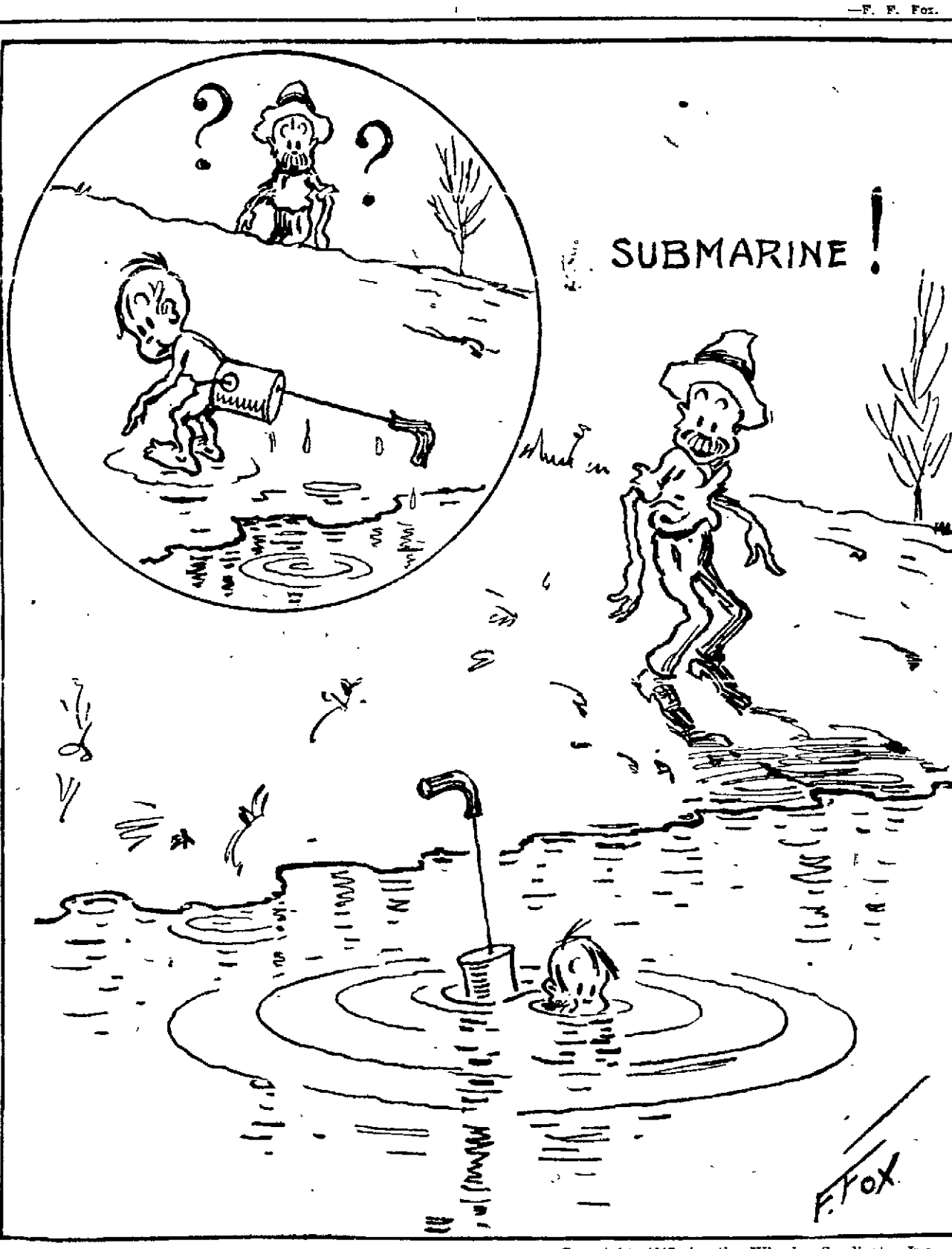
When it was realized that the little girl had disappeared, a search was made among the thousands of children in the auditorium. No trace of her was found, and it is believed that she had been taken away by the woman who had asked to adopt her. A boy scout reported having seen the woman described by Mrs. Cunningham take the child up to the Christmas tree, where she received a doll, and then hasten from the building.

FATHER JOINS SEARCH. John Cunningham, father of the child, joined in the search when the police failed to find little Helen. The family lives at 241 Ivy avenue in the Hayes Valley district. The child is described as three years old, with brown hair and eyes, dressed in white, with white coat and shoes and short socks. The woman kidnaper is said to be five feet ten or eleven inches tall, slenderly built, fair, apparently Swedish or German, wearing long brown coat and furs and a large black hat.

## WILL SWELL GIFT

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 26.—Governor Simon Ramberger announced that to whatever amount is collected in Utah as a fund to aid Jewish war sufferers in Europe he will add ten percent as his personal contribution. For example, if \$100,000 shall be the amount raised in the state, Governor Ramberger will personally add to it \$10,000.

## ANOTHER U-BOAT IS SIGHTED



SUBMARINE!

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## Garis' Bedtime Stories—1

(By Howard R. Garis)

"Nurse Jane," said Uncle Wiggly, the rabbit gentleman as he came into the kitchen of the hollow stump bungalow one morning, "have you time to sew a button on my coat?" "Would you rather?" asked Nurse Jane, standing with her head on one side and a dab of flour on the end of her black nose, would you rather have the button sewed on, or have me get your Thanksgiving dinner?" "Oh, is today Thanksgiving?" asked the bunny uncle. "I had forgotten all about it. Of course, I'd rather have you get me a good dinner. Never mind about the button. Can you fasten that on with a postage stamp or a bit of sticking plaster. When will dinner be ready, Nurse Jane?" "Oh, today isn't Thanksgiving," answered the muskrat lady. "That is tomorrow, but I have to get my good dinner ready today. I'll have it ready by then. Ho! for Thanksgiving! And it will soon be Christmas and New Year's! Hurry!" "Then he went out to walk in the woods to get an appetite, and he hungry like when it came time for the big Thanksgiving dinner next day. Well, Thanksgiving Day came as clear and bright as a new football. "You have my friends whom you would like to ask to dinner, you may do so," said Nurse Jane to Uncle Wiggly, as she looked in the oven to see if the roast turkey was basting. And they were a nice, lovely brown. "I will ask some of my friends," said the bunny. "I'll go get Dr. Possum and Grumpy, Mr. Turkey Gobbler, and have a good Thanksgiving dinner." Away he hopped off over the fields and through the woods. Nurse Jane kept on getting the dinner and pretty soon it was almost ready to put on the table. Out of the oven Nurse Jane took something roasted and lovely brown, with gravy running down the outside, and inside you could see chestnut and oyster stuffing and there was the most delightful smell in the kitchen of the hollow stump bungalow. "Hello!" cried Uncle Wiggly, as he came in just then with Granpa Goosey and Dr. Possum. "What's that you have just taken from the oven, Nurse Jane. You don't mean to tell me that is a roast turkey, do you?" "Well," said the muskrat lady slowly. "Now, look here!" interrupted Uncle Wiggly, sort of excited like. "This will never do at all. Here I go and get my friends, Mr. Turkey Gobbler, down from the grapevine so he won't be bothered at Thanksgiving, and first thing I know he's roasted and panned in my own hollow stump bungalow. This is terrible! I can't eat any of that roast turkey, Nurse Jane. He was a friend of mine." "But, Uncle Wiggly," began the muskrat lady, "if you will only—"

## HURT IN AUTOS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Wet, slippery pavement caused three accidents in this city last evening, resulting in injury to seven people. Only one man was probably fatally hurt, while the injuries of the others ranged from mere bruises to concussion of the brain. An automobile driven by Herman Goggin, throwing Goggin and Frank Doyle, who was riding with him, into the street. Goggin suffered a fracture of the skull which may cause his death. Doyle was hurt by flying glass, and Schmidt bruised. Three persons were painfully injured when the automobile in which they were driving skidded into a bridge on the State highway near San Jose. Those hurt were Mrs. Jennie Williams and Mrs. Jennie Peterson, and K. G. Gilbert. Mrs. Williams suffered a fractured leg and the others were painfully bruised. Leonard Selig suffered concussion of the brain and Mrs. Selig was painfully hurt by flying glass when the taxicab in which they were riding was struck by a Van Ness avenue street car. The driver of the taxi, James Ward, was unhurt.

## SEEK DEATH CLEW

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The police are investigating the mysterious murder of Louis Rivas, 65 years old, whose body was found off Fisherman's wharf early this morning by Leon Gerald, 1231 Columbus avenue. The body had been in the water but a short time, the only mark of violence was a circular hole in his skull. About San Bruno in diameter, Rivas was identified through a package which was found in his inside pocket addressed, "general delivery," which contained a necktie and a Christmas card written in a childish hand bearing the inscription "Wishing you a Happy New Year, May."

## LOONY LYRICS

Little Roger learned to mix Cocktails at the age of six. "Yes," his Mother said "we are Rejoicing Roger for the Party."

## Council for the Defense

by Leroy Scott

(Continued from Yesterday.)

For many an hour Katherine's wrath continued high, and she repeated, with clenched hands, all her invectives against the bigotry of Bruce. He was a bully—a boor—a brute—a tyrant. He considered himself the Superman, but in pitiable truth he was only a moral coward—for his real reason in opposing Westville was that his wife worked. He had insulted her, for his parting words to her had been a fierce statement that she had no ability, only a certain charm, and that how she could ever imagine that they could possibly share a happy life together!

But after a season her wrath began to subside, and she began to see that, after all, Bruce was not very different from the Bruce she had loved during the last few weeks. He had been thoroughly consistent with himself. She had known that he was cocksure and domineering. She had foreseen that the chances were at least even that he would bitterly oppose her ideas. She had foreseen and feared this very issue. His virtues were just as big as yesterday, when she and he had thought of nature, and of how she would be greater. And she realized, after the first passion of their battle had spent its force, that she still loved him.

In the long hours of the night a pang of emptiness, of vast, irremediable loss, possessed her. That and Love had touched each other for a space—then had flung violently apart, and were speeding each in their eternally separate direction. Her life might be rich and full of home and adventure, but she looked forward into the long procession of years, she saw that it was going to have its dreariness, its vacancies, its dull, unending aches. It was going to be such a very, very different business from that life of warm love and home and mutual aid of which she had daringly dreamed when she and Bruce were lovers.

But she did not regret her decision. She did not feel that her decision was against Bruce's attitude stiffened the backbone of her purpose. She would go straight ahead, bear the bitterness, and live the life she had planned as best she could.

But other matters soon came to share her mind with a lost love and a broken dream. First there was the uproar created by Bruce's defiant announcement, in the Express, of Blind Charlie's threatened departure. The sensation lasted for a day or two, then was almost forgotten in a greater.

This second sensation made its initial appearance quite unobtrusively; it had a bare dozen lines down in a corner of the same issue of the Express and had contained Bruce's defiance and the news of Dr. Sherman's departure. The substance of the item was that two cases of illness had been reported from the quarters of River Court and Westville doctors said the symptoms were similar to those of typhoid fever.

Those two cases of fever in an old tenement up a narrow, stenchy alley were the quiet opening of a new act in the drama that was played that year in Westville. Next day a dozen cases were reported, and now the doctors unhesitatingly pronounced them typhoid. The number mounted rapidly, and soon there was an epidemic. And the doctor who had no deference to rank, it not only stalked into the tenements of River Court and Railroad Alley, and laid its poisonous finger on starving children and drink-shattered men. It visited the large and airy home on Elm and Market streets and Wabash avenue, where those of wealth and place were congregated.

In Westville there was a reign of terror. Haggard doctors were ever on the go, matching a blue or a red, and when chance allowed. Till then modern history had been reckoned from the town's invasion by factories, or from that more distant time when lightning had struck the court-house; but today those mile-stones of time are forgotten. Local history is now dated, and will be for many a decade, from the visitation of fever and the related events which marked that epoch.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

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## MARKET REPORT

After-Christmas trading was dull in the commission market today, the price of oranges being the only thing that rivals. Oranges are due for a rise according to indications from the south, but the poultry is expected to be dull today.

There was practically none on the market, and the oranges trade having cleaned up supply.

Alligator pears arrived on the market today, selling at \$5.50 and \$4 per case, according to the quality. The new rooms made their appearance in a moment to the San Francisco produce market, the quantity being unlimited and quickly sold at 35 cents for the small boxes and 40 cents for the large. Artichokes were sold this evening in Hood River Spitzenburgs, Baldwins, but no quotations were made today, as this stock has now been inspected.

Oranges sold well today in anticipation of the coming New Year. Several southern varieties have been ordered by several commission men. The trouble seems to be in the larger lots, but the market is plentiful in limited crop of this year, and which will sell at retail so readily as a choice lot today.

Farmers are rejoicing over the and their optimism is being echoed by the commission men. The prices are forecasted as the result of a propitious weather for the coming season.

**Citrus fruit—Oranges:** Late Valencia, @3.50; Navel, Sunset, @4.40; choice others, @4.40; and to ship, @4.40; Valencia, @3.75; 2 1/2 half boxes, @4.25. 600.

**Grapefruit—Sunkist,** per box, @2.50; others, @2.50.

**Lemons—Sunkist,** @6.00; fancy, @6.00.

Tropical fruits—Central American and  
Orleans bananas, 5½¢@7¢ per lb.; cocon-  
\$1.20 per dozen; sack, ¾¢@7¢; pineapples,  
per dozen, according to size; pine nuts,  
per lb., 12¢.

Apples—Oregon, Spitzenberg, extra  
\$2.25; fancy, 82¢; choice, \$1.75; Oregon 1  
choice, 11¢; Jonathans, 11¢@1.85; New  
Pipsins, Cal., 3¼¢-7¢, 1.85¢@1.90;  
\$1.25; choice, 1.16¢; ½¢-7¢, 1.16¢@1.18¢;  
1.15¢@1.16¢; ½¢-7¢, 1.16¢@1.18¢;  
varieties, 1.16¢@1.25¢; ½¢-7¢, 1.10¢@1.12¢.  
Strawberries—\$12@13 per chest.  
Pestallots (Javanese)—Lb. 20¢.

Perseimons—Small boxes, 1.15¢@1.25¢.  
Pineapples—\$1.00¢@1.25¢; half size to  
Golden Dates—Dromedary, \$4.50 per ca-  
80 packages.

Alligator pear—\$14.00 a dozen.  
 Apples—\$1.00 a bushel.  
 Cranberries—1 lb. \$184.10; Cape Code,  
 boxes, \$5.00; Oregon and Washington, 1  
 bushel, \$1.00.  
 Potatoes—No. 1, 10 liters, sack, \$2.25; 25  
 lbs., \$2.01; sack, Nevada, \$2.25; 25  
 lbs., \$2.01.  
 Sweet potatoes—\$1.00 a lb.  
 Onions—1 lb. 10 cents.  
 New garlic—3 cts. a lb.  
 Tomatoes—San Leandro, 60 cts. \$1.50; 1  
 lb. 1.25; 25 lbs. \$3.00; 50 lbs. 10 lbs. 1  
 lb. \$1.75; 2 lb. per crate or lot.  
 Artichokes—60 cts. according to size.  
 Cabbage—Crate, 1.50; 25 lbs. 1.75 per  
 Sacramento, 1.50; 25 lbs.  
 Cauliflower—1 lb. 10 cts. per dozen; 25 lbs.  
 per crate (MILPITAS).  
 Cabbagers—Santa Cruz, 10 cts. 25  
 lbs. 1.00; 50 lbs. 1.00; 100 lbs. 1.00.  
 Southern, No. 1, L. A. Esq. \$2.50; No. 2,  
 \$2.00.  
 Pumpkin squash—1 lb. 14 cts. per lb.  
 squash, 81 per lb.  
 Squash—1 lb. 10 cts. a sack; 1 lb.  
 per lb.  
 Mushrooms—\$30.00 a box.  
 Asparagus—Butler, 60 cts.  
 Hubbard—But, 50 cts.  
 Cauliflower—50 cts.  
 Cabbage—50 cts. 1 dozen.

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## EAST BAY SHIPYARDS ASKED TO EXPAND

More Orders to Come  
Soon For Ships to Be  
Built Here, Says Phelan

In Telegram Senator Says Fleet Corporation Will Call on East Bay to Speed Up Construction of Wood and Steel Vessels

## CAPACITY OF PLANTS ENLARGED

Stimulating in its implication that a tremendous influx of new contracts may be expected for the shipyards of Oakland and in its prediction that the Fleet Corporation will shortly place more orders here for steel vessels as well as wooden ships is the telegram received this morning from United States Senator James D. Phelan by Mayor John L. Davis. The message is believed to be the forerunner of official notice to the shipbuilders that all present facilities must be increased to their maximum expansion and that preparations must be made for handling more construction work than has been done in the past.

The telegram from Washington reads:

"Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board informs me that it is the policy of the fleet corporation to encourage expansion of the existing yards for construction purposes by giving you new contracts for steel ships. Wooden ships will be ordered when existing contracts are completed. I strongly advise immediate expansion of yards to secure new contracts. The board is highly pleased with the progress made on the Pacific coast."

## PLANTS ENLARGED.

At the present time the enlargement of the Hanlon Drydock and Shipbuilding Company's plant in East Oakland is in process and preparations are under way for the installation of increased facilities for production in the Union Iron Works plant across the estuary and in the Moore & Scott plant at the foot of Adeline street. With this authoritative message from Washington these plans will be rushed and still further extended.

Contracts let months ago are rapidly nearing completion, and it is anticipated that before the ships are ready for signature, with the result that the shipbuilding industry on this side of the bay will immediately require greater numbers of skilled workmen and laborers. The action of the federal government last week in obtaining maps of the waterfront showing the location of the different yards is

believed to have an important bearing on the situation.

A meeting is being held today in the office of Gavin McNab, representing the Federal Shipping Board, at which the managers of all shipbuilding plants on San Francisco bay are determining the amount of tonnage which can be delivered during the year 1918. The meeting was called after Chairman Hurley of the board wired McNab to ask him for estimates. In the discussion today the matter of expansion of the yards to their maximum capacity is one of the important factors.

"Seattle has guaranteed 600,000 tons of steel vessels and 400,000 tons of wooden ships," said Hurley in his message. "We are particularly anxious to obtain your figures as to what the shipbuilding plants on San Francisco bay can do, so that we may be able to plan future orders for you as well as the expansion of the well-established yards."

## DIGGS RETURNS

Maurice I. Diggs, former state architect and a figure in the Diggs-Gammetti case, returned to Oakland today to resume his business where he left it when he was taken to serve a term in Federal prison under the Mann white slave act. Diggs was paroled and is returning to enter the architectural business again. He and his wife, who was Marsha Warrington, are registered at the Hotel Oakland.

## REALTY MEN ELATED OVER PROSPERITY

Financial conditions for Oakland throughout the greater part of 1917 have far exceeded all expectations, according to a statement issued today by the Oakland Real Estate Board. The statement says that while it was expected that the whole country would enjoy an era of prosperity such as it never had experienced, immediately the war closed, there was none who would predict that this condition would assert itself in 1917. The statement of the board follows:

"Unprecedented volume of Christmas shopping as reported by all of the mercantile establishments of Oakland and an unexpected resumption of real estate activities has proven that the timidity which has prevailed since the beginning of the war has given way to a feeling of optimism and confidence. 'We have never had so big a holiday trade before,' reports the manager of one of the biggest mercantile establishments in Oakland. 'People did not buy Christmas things to the extent they have in former years. They bought useful articles, for the most part, but they spent more money for presents than formerly.'"

"While there seemed to be no lessening of expenditures on the part of wealthy people, there was a most noticeable increase in the purchases of wage earners and the value of large and continuous payrolls in this city was evidenced this year as never before."

"That the spirit of generosity incident to Christmas is not alone responsible for the situation is evidenced by the fact that many of the real estate offices are doing a bigger business than for many months."

"Contrary to all expectations, the month of December will close more business for my office than it has transacted in any month since the war began," is the report to the Oakland Real Estate Board made by one of the biggest real estate operators in Oakland.

"Wage earners who are steadily employed at better pay than before are investing in homes. People from out of town are buying homes here. Industrial concerns are purchasing sites. Many are purchasing real estate as investment, confident of the fact that they will never again be able to buy at so low a market. 'People are fast coming to realize that real estate is the only investment they can make which is not subject to the influences which control the stock and bonds market and to understand that realty holdings in a community which is progressing as rapidly as this of the east bay cities have an absolutely assured future not applicable to any other form of investment.'"

"Especially in the purchase of homes of the type that sell from \$2500 to \$3000 is Oakland beginning to experience the activity which had not been expected until peace is declared."

"CONDITIONS LASTING. 'That present conditions of financial prosperity are general throughout the country and that they will continue for many years after the war is at an end and until the war's wreckage of property and business institutions has been repaired, is the opinion of J. F. Carleton, president of the Central National Bank of Oakland, who has just returned from a visit to New York and Washington.'"

"While it is war activities which have set the volume of industry in motion from ocean to ocean and given employment at good wages to every worker in the land, one must not infer that peace will bring an end to it," says Carleton. "Rehabilitation of Europe and of the world's normal commercial enterprises will keep business conditions in this country for many years to come far ahead of the normal activities of the past."

## POWER ASSURED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Orders were issued today that new war contracts shall be placed in Buffalo before the war industries board certifies that there is power sufficient for their manufacture.

Portland assurances have been given Canadian authorities that approximately 100,000 electric horsepower imported from Canada will be used only for manufacture of war products.

## BAKER MAY BE SENATOR FOR NEVADA

Raymond T. Baker, former Oakland boy, deputy county clerk of Alameda county, penitentiary warden and secretary to the American ambassador to Russia, now director of the United States mint, is being mentioned as the successor of the late Frances G. Newlands, Senator from Nevada, whose sudden death on Monday removed one of the strongest men in the national legislature.

Under the statutes of Nevada, Governor Boyle has the power to appoint a successor for the unexpired term of a Senator, and Baker is known to be a close personal and political friend of the governor. The appointment, it is believed, will have the entire approval of the administration at Washington, for Baker is one of the group of officials who have found favor in the White House.

Baker is 37 years old and was born in Eureka, Nevada. His parents removed to Oakland, while he was still in his early childhood and his education was received here. His political career began in Oakland when he became a deputy county clerk under Frank C. Jordan. His next step upward was his selection as warden of the Nevada State penitentiary. When George T. Mayre was named as American representative to Russia, Baker was announced as the legation secretary and accompanied the Mayres to Petrograd. When Mayre resigned, Baker left the post and came West for an extended visit. In February of this year he was nominated as director of the mint by President Wilson, and the nomination was confirmed by Congress on March 15. Senator Newland's term expires in 1921.

## MUSICIANS MEET HERE SATURDAY

The first district conference of the members of the California Music Teachers' Association comprising the Alameda county, San Francisco, San Jose and Sacramento branches of the organization, will be held during the afternoon and evening of Saturday, December 29, in the Claremont Hotel. An afternoon session, open to the public, will be devoted from two to five o'clock to musical programs, and salons and lectures of interest not only to the musical profession but to the public as well.

Among the artists to be heard are Madame Rose Callean, soprano, with Mrs. Robert Hughes at the piano; George Kruger in a lecture on piano practice; Marion Vicki, baritone, and Mrs. Veckl, pianist, in a recital; the Pacific Piano Quartet; Mrs. Marian Holmes Nash, contralto, accompanied by Mrs. Esta Marvin Pomeroy; Richard R. Perkins, department secretary of the Y. M. C. A., war work council, will speak on "The Musicians' Part in the World War."

In the evening at 7 o'clock there will be a banquet at which Samuel Savannah of San Francisco will preside as toastmaster. Among the honored guests on this occasion will be several notables who are passing the holiday season in the bay cities. The committee in charge of the program is composed of Roscoe Warren Lacy of Berkeley and Mrs. Alice Keller Fox of San Francisco.

## SAVE HUN SHEL

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 26.—The German shell which wounded the first American soldier in the European war is preserved today in the form of thirty-nine fragments, each identified by three file marks and declared authentic by a unique document drawn up and signed as soon as possible after its historic explosion.

## What 1918 Holds For the World

## GABRIEL NEITH

Astrologer, Editor, Author and Lecturer

## Contributes His Predictions to Next Sunday's Oakland Tribune

[Gabriel Neith is consulted regularly by numbers of prominent people, including bankers, merchants, politicians and society women.]

Here are some of the things Gabriel Neith predicted for 1917 in The OAKLAND TRIBUNE of a year ago:

"A decided change of foreign policy is prognosticated, neighboring nations being most affected."

"For Germany, misfortunes through ministers and counselors." (Zimmermann, Bethman-Hollweg, Von Stein resign, following blunders). July, 1917.

"Many changes for Greece are predicted." (Constantine abdicated, Venizelos authorized by young King Alexander, Greece severs with Germany). June, 1917.

"Japan, friendship with United States strongly presaged." (Refusal of Zimmermann overtures, visit of Ishii). August 17.

"Sweden may lose prestige through an ill-advised act." (German legation in Argentine used Swedish legation for communication with Berlin). September, 1917.

"Russia. Year unfavorable for Czarina. Troubles with Russia or Russian trade or credit may develop" for March, 1917. (Czar abdicated March 15, 1917; Grand Duke Michael out also).

For April, "Serious trouble with foreign affairs." "grave political issues first week." (U. S. A. entered great war April 6, following Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine war February 1; first U. S. troops to France sailed June 14; second contingent arrived in France July 27).

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## 22-DAY BRIDE SEEKS DIVORCE

They were married only 22 days when they separated and now she is suing for a divorce. This is the brief story of the marital life of Rose A. Gunnip, wife of John Gunnip, according to the information in her complaint filed today. She alleges that he accused her of gambling with other men and asks for \$250 a month alimony. They lived at 4902 Telegraph.

Charles F. Black, a mineralogist, 2819 Foothill boulevard, threatened to poison his wife, Mrs. Margaret Black, and their daughter, according to the wife's allegations and testimony in her action for divorce heard today by Judge Koford. She was given a decree and \$25 a month alimony.

Judge Koford also gave a decree of divorce to Elmina V. Blair against Willis S. Blair, 1546 Thirty-sixth avenue, on her testimony that though he was able to support his wife he insisted upon her securing employment, and gave her only 50 cents a day for the household.

The divorce complaint of Mrs. Bertha C. Shaw versus Ernest R. Shaw, 1212 Hopkins street, is on the secret file.

Frederick J. de Franca, whose wife, Anna de Franca, recently received a decree of divorce, has filed notice of appeal to the Supreme Court from Judge Koford's decision refusing to set the decree aside. The decree was given on her wife's complaint in which she set up a famous "Ho, Annie" letter which he alleged Mrs. de Franca received from an admirer in which the writer declared: "Ho, Annie, I'm home, our happy day come soon or I'm goin' crazy for you."

## GUARD AT HOME

Formation of the first companies of United States Guards, which will take the place of regulars and National Guardsmen now being used to protect public utilities and waterfronts, began at the Presidio of San Francisco today. There will be four battalions of over 2000 men in the new guards. They will be filled by voluntary enlistment of men not subject of draft. The companies being formed will be used over the entire Western department of the army.

## Hotel Oakland

Luncheon 50¢  
Dinner \$1.00  
Dancing in Ball Room every Saturday till 1 o'clock  
Dinner \$1.50  
Hal Barker's College Orchestra  
(also a la carte)  
Low Monthly Rates  
W. C. JURGENSEN, Vice-Pres. and Gen. Mgr.

## RAINS WITH HIGH WIND COVER COAST

California's Christmas storm, the gift of the elements to a land thirsting for rain, is general over Northern California, and has brought a relief to apprehensive farmers immeasurable in its results. Coming in straight from the Pacific Ocean, the storm surprised the local weather bureau, and the forecasters are still busy compiling the reports from all sections as a basis for prognostications. From the present outlook, it would seem that the precipitation will continue.

The wind velocity outside the heads increased to forty-eight miles an hour this morning and shipping of all kinds has been delayed. The motor schooner Nuuanu started for Los Angeles, but put back into the bay when it encountered the rough water at the bar. The tug Sea Eagle, with the barge Silma in tow, also made a start for the high seas, but the skipper thought it best to return and wait for calmer weather. The steamer Santa Alicia, with the schooner W. J. Pirrie in tow, is also held back by the storm.

The barkentine Kohala, from Apla for this port, with a cargo of copra, showed herself at the entrance to the Golden Gate yesterday, but was unable to come in on account of the breakers across the bar. She will probably make port today if the wind and sea moderate sufficiently to allow tugs to venture out.

The wind off Point Reyes reached a maximum velocity of fifty-six miles an hour yesterday afternoon, but is much reduced today. The storm is now centered off the Oregon coast, and all conditions are favorable for continued rain in Northern California, Oregon and Eastern Washington.

While general, the rain has not been heavy in this section. Less than an inch fell yesterday at Mount Tamalpais, which is usually the heaviest precipitation point about the bay.

## STORY OF FRONT

The story of the battles at Trepas and Los was told before the Manufacturers' Committee of the Chamber of Commerce at their weekly luncheon today, when Captain F. L. Gourd, of the British army, here on furlough, was the speaker of the day.

Captain Gourd told graphically of life at the front, describing experiences in "going over the top," and warned his hearers that America must throw every resource into the war to turn the tide of battle against Germany.

## GIRL DIES AT HOME

Miss Gladys Ward, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Edward Ward of 668 Thirty-second street, died this morning at her home after an illness of several weeks. Miss Ward was a native of Larkburg, Kansas, and had made her home in Oakland for the past five years. Beside her parents, the deceased is survived by three sisters: Francha, Murie and Thelma Ward, and two brothers Emmet and Russell Ward.

## CHRISTMAS TREE STARTS BLAZE; LOSS \$378,000

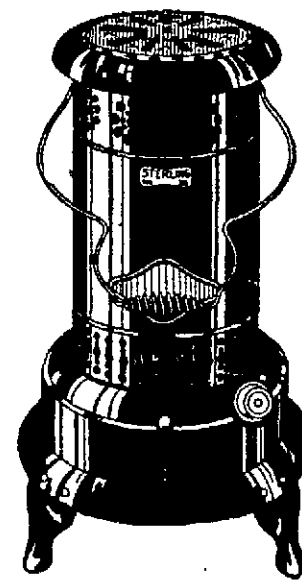
LONG BEACH, N. Y., Dec. 26.

Fire started on the board walk here and spread rapidly to three buildings. The blaze started from a Christmas tree in the Schloff bathing pavilion, spread to an apartment building and then to the Fuller building, 500 feet away.

The local fire fighting force at 3:30 a. m. had been unable to check the flames, which were fanned by a strong wind. The damage at that hour was estimated at \$378,000.

## VISIT OAKLANDERS

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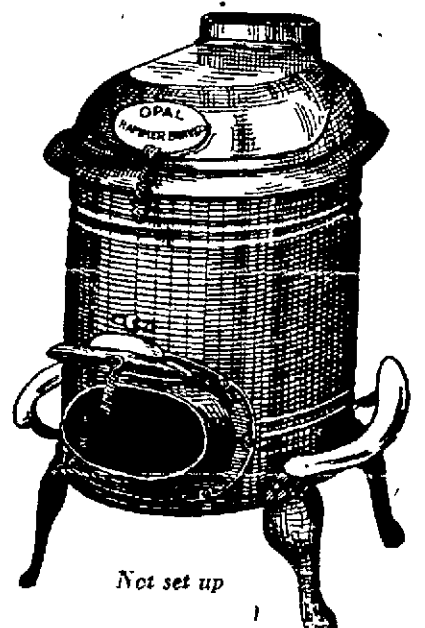
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